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## Steamed Andover Water trustees resign

By ALISON ALOISIO  
Last Tuesday, customer Scott Owings was so frustrated with the Andover Water District that he said he was going to drill his own well and thus wash his hands of the district.  
On Saturday, he became an AWD trustee.  
Owings was appointed in an emergency meeting by the Board of Selectmen after trustees Kelly Scotti and Leon Akers (chairman) resigned,

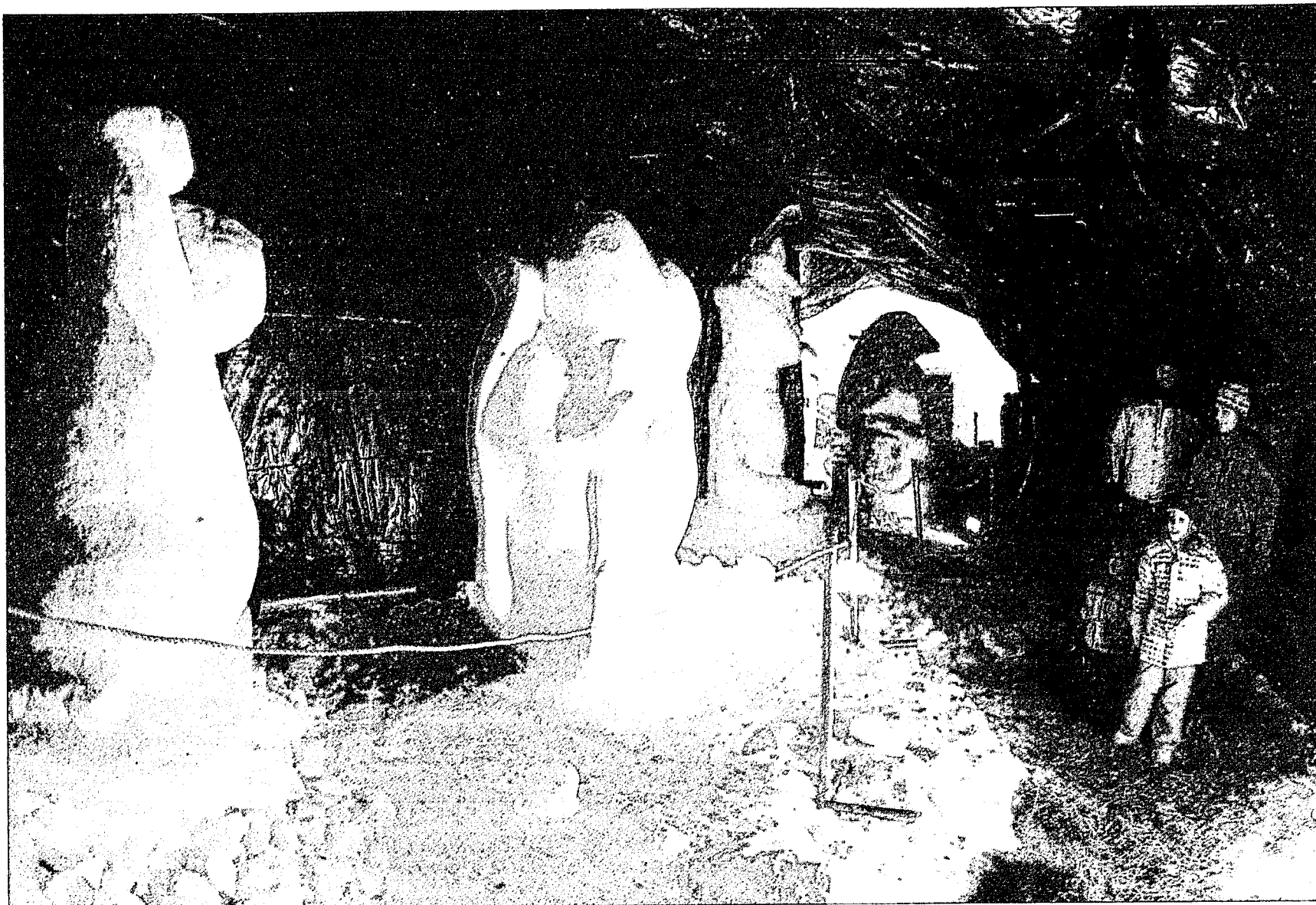
**'This is absurd — that I have to pay for this. I don't care what other people's issues are, because at the first opportunity I'm going to get a well so I don't have to deal with this.'**

**SCOTT OWINGS**  
AWD customer. Owings was later appointed a trustee of the district.

along with licensed water operator-field operator Peter Scotti, Kelly Scotti's husband. The three submitted letters of resignation to the town. The Scottis named the other remaining trustee, Kevin Scott, as the reason they stepped down.  
The AWD's licensed operator, Lew Williams, notified the Maine Drinking Water Program that he, too, had resigned, according to a MDWP representative.  
The resignations came on the heels of last Tuesday's regular board meeting, at which several disputes took place

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## In the lair of the snow bunny, and his clan of friends



A snow sculpture exhibition opened last Friday under the tent on the Bethel common, as part of the Bethel Winter-Fest. Here, a family enjoys animal creations that include a rabbit, a turtle, a fox and a frog. Outside, a family of bears water-ski.

(Photo: A. Aloisio)

## New Arts Council director draws on deep Oxford County artistic roots

By TONI SEGER  
Aranka Matolcsy, the new executive director of Mahoosuc Arts Council, was literally born into the arts.  
Both of her parents were artists and teachers imparting their passions to Aranka as early as she can remember.  
Her mother, Claire Couri Matolcsy, was a modern dancer who studied with Martha Graham and Alvin Ailey.  
Her father, Lajos Matolcsy, was a professor of fine arts at the Royal Hungarian Academy. Arriving in the United States in the 1950s, her parents fell in love with rural western Maine and that love affair became a natural part of Aranka's inheritance.  
While he restored a 150-year-old farm on the border of South Paris and Sumner, Lajos founded the Western Maine Art Group (WMAG) in 1962, the original sponsor of Norway's Sidewalk Art Festival.  
Patterned after Portland's show, it is the second longest-running show of its kind in



ARANKA MATOLCSY, executive director of the Mahoosuc Arts Council. (Photo: Seger)

Maine.  
I never knew her parents, who tragically died when she was barely out of her adolescence, but I can imagine their energies from Aranka's infectious enthusiasm.  
"My parents made everything magical and exciting for my brother and I whether it was growing vegetables or creating pictures."  
Music, art and dance lessons were at the center of Aranka's childhood, along with exposure to creative people like Tony Montanaro, founder of the South Paris Mime Theater, who, after visiting her parents for years, moved to Maine in 1972.  
As Aranka approached adulthood, the flute became a serious interest, and before graduating from high school, she was accepted into a music performance program at the University of Southern Maine.  
In 1990, she earned a degree in classical flute performance from Boston's Conservatory of

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## Natl. Guard agrees to conduct full EIS on lower overflights

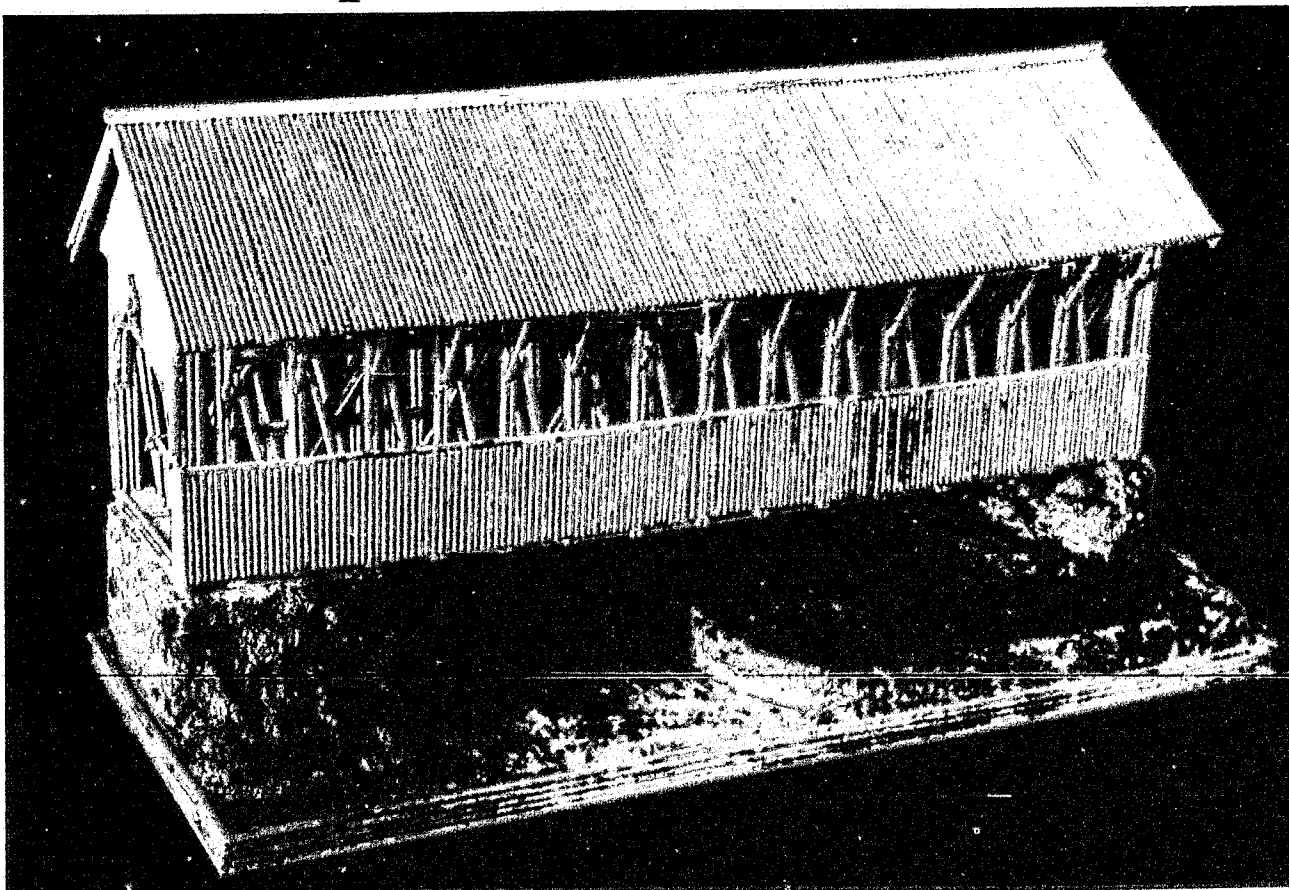
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The National Guard has agreed to conduct a full environmental review as part of its proposal to lower the flight deck for fighter pilot training missions over western Maine, Gov. John Baldacci said last week.  
Baldacci said verbal confirmation was given to Col. Donald McCormack of the Maine Air National Guard by the Air National Guard Readiness Center at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland.  
It's unclear whether the full environmental impact statement sought by the governor will alter the timetable for the proposed changes. The National Guard plans to file its proposal with the Federal Aviation Administration this spring, and hopes to begin the training flights in October.  
Under the proposal,

National Guard F-15 pilots from Massachusetts and F-16 pilots from Vermont would be allowed to fly as low as 500 feet over the hills and mountains of western Maine.  
Critics have questioned the need for the ground-hugging flights in the 3,600-square-mile Condor Military Operation Area that includes Bethel, Rumford, Rangeley and Farmington. They've also raised questions about noise, safety and quality of life.  
Baldacci wrote last week to Harry Knudsen of the Air National Guard Readiness Center to thank him for the decision to conduct an environmental impact statement.  
"While we understand the unique needs of the military to train, and support the mission the National Guard

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## North Carolina prison inmate finds inspiration in Newry landmark

**LABOR OF LOVE**  
Take some newspaper, toilet tissue, wax, coffee and coffee creamer. Add a little love, patience and time, and beautiful things can happen. Inmate Darren Carter was inspired to create the model after seeing black-and-white photographs of the bridge, taken by Bethel area native Regina Chayer, the wife of Carter's case manager. (Photo: R. Chayer)



By MICHAEL DANIELS  
Newry's 137-year-old "Artists Bridge" has inspired yet another act of artistic creation — this one far from the banks of the Sunday River.  
And in this case the bridge is captured not in a visitor's painting or photograph, but as a highly detailed sculpture, shaped from such humble items as newspaper, toilet tissue, wax and coffee and coffee creamer — the sort of raw materials an incarcerated sculptor must make do with.  
"After you've been in here a while you go through what we call 'a lonely stage,' and that teaches you to learn things about yourself," said Darrin Carter, an inmate of North Carolina's Wade Correctional Center.  
And one of the important things he learned, Carter said, is that "if you add a little bit of love, patience and time (which I have plenty of) then

you can come up with all kinds of beautiful creations."  
"That's what this covered bridge means to me," he told The Citizen. "It allowed me to do these things."  
**Sharing a bit of home**  
There are no covered bridges in rural Robeson County, where Carter grew up, and never in his life has he seen one with his own eyes.  
What he did see were two photographs, shown to him by his prison case manager, Kevin Chayer.  
The photographs were taken in the fall of 2007 by Chayer's wife, Regina, a professional photographer.  
Both Kevin and Regina are natives of the Bethel area, and they return often to visit family and friends.  
"We come back as often as we can to visit, hike," Kevin said, "and to take photos of gorgeous Maine."

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## Letters

### STICK TO THE SNOWMO TRAILS

#### To the Editor:

Here we go again. The snowmobile season has just started and already we are encountering problems with people who have no respect for the property of others. Last year we lost access to one of the most picturesque portions of our trail because some riders just couldn't stay on the trails and it is happening again. The trails run on private property and are there because of the generosity of the landowners. You, the rider, are not entitled to play in areas that border the trails just because the landowners have given us access to their land. If you can't play by the rules, you will not be able to play in the area because the trails will be closed.

If you have ridden off trail, STOP. If you know who is riding off trail, tell them to STOP. If you have been disrespectful or given the landowner a hard time, STOP. If you as a fellow rider feel uncomfortable confronting those that have caused problems, contact us or call a warden. If you enjoy riding on some of the best trails that western Maine has to offer, be responsible and play by the rules.

Edie Okenquist

Secretary, Greenstock Snowsports Snowmobile Club

### LOCAL KNOWLEDGE SERIES

#### To the Editor:

The Mahoosuc Land Trust will open its 2009 Local Knowledge Series in the ATM room at Telstar High School on Wednesday, Jan. 21 at 7 p.m.

Ken Hotopp, in his twelfth year as principal of Appalachian Conservation Biology, a small consulting company working on endangered wildlife from Maine to Virginia, will speak on "Our Wildlife in a Changing Climate."

A Mahoosuc Land Trust board member, Ken earned a B.S. from the College of Environmental Science and Forestry, State University of New York and an M.S. from SUNY in Albany. His PowerPoint presentation will include his studies of rare butterflies in the Presidential Range and other people's empirical and theoretical research on how climate change is expected to impact Bicknell's thrush (which lives in the White and Mahoosuc mountains), loons, moose and Atlantic salmon. The Mahoosuc Land Trust is pleased to offer this series to the public free of charge. Please join us for an entertaining evening of scientific discovery on Jan. 21 at 7 p.m.

Frank A. Vogt

For The Mahoosuc Land Trust

### ANDOVER FUNDRAISER THANKS

#### To the Editor:

I just want to start by saying thank you, and how much I appreciate everyone's participation and help. The New Year's Eve bash at the Andover Town Hall was a rousing success! We raised a lot of money and food for the Andover food pantry.

The turnout was great and the music and light show spectacular. Everyone had a wonderful time. It is very rewarding to see the support and generosity this town has to offer.

So, thank you everyone: Ann Morton, D.J. Sean, Roger Mills and Mill's Market, Knights of Pythias, Beanie Averill, Lori Hall, Becky Collette, The Sun Journal, The Rumford Falls Times, The Bethel Citizen, Coca Cola, the Dollar Tree, Canal Street Video, Andover Board of Selectmen, Andover Town Office, Mt. Abram, Andover Public Library, Town Hall Committee, everyone who let us display flyers, those who donated money, and the beautiful town of Andover.

Thank you to Linda Couture and all the hard-working people at the Andover food pantry. This is an amazing team doing an outstanding service for our community. Also, thank you to Eghan Allen/Andover Wood Products for the gorgeous piece of furniture. The raffle will be drawn on Jan. 14 at Mill's Market. If I forgot to mention you, I do apologize.

Happy New Year everyone! Let's make it a happy one!

Chad J. Bishop  
Andover

### CHRISTMAS FOR FAMILIES

#### To the Editor:

We would like to take a moment to say thank you for all the help that came our way for Christmas for Families this year. With the help of the community and people visiting our community we were able to help 153 children and their families have a better Christmas.

We had people donate money, toys, clothes, boots, coats, adopt-a-child, adopt-a-family and donated their time. Some people went out and bought special gifts that children wanted, some gave money to pay for fuel bills. The number of people, families and businesses add up; the list is long and wonderful.

A special thank you to the Legion and Auxiliary members that made the Benefit Bingo on Dec. 5 a success. The Legion and their members have helped this project for about 16 years and every year we get better together. Also thank you to the TV clubs that donated monies.

Christmas and holidays are stressful times for all, but it is a time of giving and helping, that is what our community has done.

Thank you,

Nina Wheeler  
Director, Christmas for Families 2008

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### AWD

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(see sidebar).

Discussion topics at that meeting included discrepancies in billing.

In her resignation letter, Kelly Scotti wrote, "Mr. Scott, in my opinion, is incapable of working in a positive manner toward a common goal."

She described Scott's behavior as disrespectful, confrontational, and erratic.

Scotti said she had been involved with the district for 10 years in various capacities.

Peter Scotti wrote, "I have served in this position faithfully for 7 years. During this time I have never witnessed the unprofessional, vindictive behavior from a member of the board as I have from Kevin Scott."

Wrote Akers: "The meetings and day-to-day events have become so stressful for me that it is affecting my health. I have served on many boards and committees through my 73 years and have never seen a fellow member so confrontational, disruptive, and disrespectful as one on this board."

"The district has and is providing good safe drinking water. There are some issues with dirt at times. This is largely due to 100-year-old pipes."

"There are some issues with the accounting. Our former bookkeeper was not an accountant. The new bookkeeper is very knowledgeable in accounting procedures."

"To my knowledge there is no evidence of any wrongdoing. There may be a few problems relating to individual customers. It is my belief that these should be handled individually and with the utmost respect to all folks involved. Including one trustee to another."

Akers was elected this past summer, following the resignation of trustee Ron Wells, who said then he did not want to serve in the political atmosphere that existed in Andover.

Scott has also been on the board since the summer.

Regarding the resignations, Scott said in an e-mail, "Both of the Scottis have been paid in excess of \$13,000 dollars a year, year after year, by the AWD. These people object to my coming in here, elected by customers, and holding them accountable for their work. I have refused to second payments for both the Scottis."

"Currently the IRS is in contact with the AWD concerning undocumented wages paid to past AWD employees. I believe the Scottis are saying the things they are about me because I have taken a stand on behalf of all AWD customers and demand accountability of the billing, payroll, contract services, etc. of the AWD."

#### Scott: AWD

in state compliance

The district is a quasi-municipal agency that serves 100 customers.

Scott said that despite the loss of Williams, who oversees the addition of various chemical treatments to the water supply, the AWD remains in compliance with state water requirements.

Shortly after Williams' resignation, the state's Drinking Water Program directed the district to at least temporarily suspend the use of caustic soda, according to Scott, because it has the potential to be hazardous.

In cooperation with the DWP, Scott said, he arranged for Lucien Roberge, the li-

censed operator for the Bethel Water District, to look over the AWD system last weekend.

Last Friday, according to Carlton Gardner of the DWP compliance and enforcement team, his agency conducted a conference call with a Public Utilities Commission representative to discuss the MD-WP's role in the situation.

Options at that time included a "Do Not Drink Order" and a "Boil Water Order," according to an e-mail provided by Gardner.

But the steps described by Scott followed, and Scott told the DWP Monday by e-mail that Roberge would visit daily.

Scott also said he and Owings were scheduled to interview an applicant for the licensed operator position Tuesday.

Owings will serve as trustee until the next annual AWD meeting, in June.

Selectmen said Saturday they will appoint another trustee to fill the other vacant seat on the AWD board.

The AWD trustees advertise for candidates and then bring them to selectmen, chairman Susan Merrow said.

#### Current billings, liens

At Saturday's selectmen's meeting, Merrow said that current AWD billings are being sent out that total \$15,000. She also said the past due amounts total \$25,000.

Merrow said the properties of 7 to 10 customers are going into foreclosure, and the AWD needs to place liens on them.

Selectman Keith Farrington, who was elected in November, said he wanted "to figure out what the board's interaction with the Andover Water District Board is."

## Earlier board meeting ended with hot words and a call for personal security protection

By ALISON ALOISIO

Last week's Andover Water District board meeting began with discussions about discrepancies in billing, past due accounts, customer records, meter reading and budgeting.

It ended with heated arguments and a request for security at future meetings.

The meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 6, was attended by the three district trustees, chairman Leon Akers, Kelly Scotti and Kevin Scott.

Also attending was licensed operator Lew Williams. Field operator Peter Scotti did not attend.

#### Overbilling, other issues

The AWD is currently the subject of an investigation by the Public Utilities Commission for allegedly overcharging its customers, since 2000.

At last week's meeting, Scott raised a number of questions regarding the handling of other customer account issues.

For example, Scott questioned an account for a business that had not been billed since 2006, even though he said it had continued to receive water service.

He said he had contacted the business, which he said was unhappy that it had not received the bills for that period.

Scott provided an invoice showing a computer search by the business of its billings from 2006 to 2008, with billings showing only for 2006.

Kelly Scotti, however, said the business did not have water service, according to a representative she had spoken to.

#### Reading meters

Scott said that because of billing issues and discrepancies, he has personally been reading water meters for the past two quarters.

"We've got a lot of problems with accounts," he said.

But he said new bookkeeper Dina Cutting "has been doing good work, and my reading

has resulted in a lot of identification of these problems. So together with Dina and Kelly's input, we're cleaning them up."

But there were objections to Scott reading the meters.

The other trustees acknowledged they had OK'ed him reading them for October, but not as an ongoing practice.

Ron Wells, a former AWD trustee, said that Peter Scotti was the only district representative legally allowed to go on customers' property.

Referring to Scott, Wells said, "There's several of us here who don't want that gentleman on our property. ... Until he becomes a district employee, I don't want to see him on my property. [Peter] has to be the only one that shows up. I feel very serious about that, and there's others here who will probably go along with me."

"I've got news for you, Ronnie," said Scott.

He said he had checked with the Maine Rural Water Association and AWD's insurance company and was told he was considered an employee (he is also district clerk, he said) and is therefore authorized and covered to go onto properties.

But Scotti said he has done so outside the direction of the board itself.

#### Security requested

Scott also said he wanted security provided at future board meetings, because, he said, "I don't feel comfortable with all these people showing up that are berating me."

Scott cited Wells' statements, and said he (Scott) had had a restraining order against another attendee at the meeting.

Scott also said he did not feel comfortable having Peter Scotti at meetings. He did not elaborate.

But Kelly Scotti, Peter's wife, countered, "Where's the protection for the employee against the trustee?"

"I'm making a request," Scott said to Akers. "Do you understand it? You've got people here yelling and berating a trustee."

"You made a request," replied Akers. "I think it's your problem."

"It's my problem?" said Scott. "My personal safety in this building is my problem?"

"Yes," replied Akers.

"So what you're saying is that as president of the district, you can allow people to come here and harass and insult and intimidate, and then possibly wait and lurk around and threaten?" asked Scott.

"It's nothing different than what you do to people, Kevin," replied Kelly Scotti.

#### Solution: a well

AWD customer Scott Owings spoke up to express his frustration.

"I pay for this," he said. "I'll tell you what my solution to all this is. It's a well."

"I am so sick and tired of this kind of stuff going on for something that I'm supposed to be a customer of," Owings continued. "This is absurd — that I have to pay for this. I don't care what other people's issues are, because at the first opportunity I'm going to get a well so I don't have to deal with this."

Owings also said he had had his own problems with billing, and that some of his checks to AWD had not been cashed, though his account was credited.

"If it's happening to me, I know it's happening to other customers, which means someone's paying my share of the water usage," he said.

Scotti said Owings' information was "not accurate."

"You were just called a liar, Mr. Owings, by a trustee," said Scott.

"No, that is not what I said to him," said Scotti.

"Meeting adjourned," said Akers.

## Our Back Pages

Compiled by Danna Brown Nickerson  
10 years ago: The town of Bethel was exploring the possibility of buying Songo Pond beach.

Ben Shimamura of Bethel was winner of the Geography Bee at Telstar Middle School; runner-up was Fred Bailey of Andover.

A garage at the home of Richard Angevine on the Northwest Bethel Road was destroyed by fire.

Births: Alexander Robert Mowatt, Zoe Libby Bean, Hunter Lowell Field-Nadeau.

Deaths: Albert B. Bartlett, George E. Kinney, Sr., Dorothy Helen Daniels, John M. Nowlin, Joanne Holt.

20 years ago: Gordon Brown, of Bryant Pond, purchased nearly all of the land and buildings of Stowell Products, Inc. at a foreclosure auction.

More than 70 friends and family members gathered to help Gladys Cross celebrate her 90th birthday.

Outward Bound's newly constructed staff lodge was dedicated.

Deaths: James E. Rich, Arthur A. Shackford.

30 years ago: "Edelweiss," a wine and cheese shop owned by Sheila and Dick Waterhouse, opened at the corner of Route 26 and Cross Street.

Edith Quimby, a Gilead native, celebrated her 100th birthday at the home of her son in Raymond, N.H.

Mrs. Eva Yates and Emeline Heath were presented 55-year seals at a meeting of the Bear River Grange.

Birth: Wade Donald Luxton.

40 years ago: The Bethel Charity Theater opened at Odeon Hall under the auspices of the Methodist Church. It operated Saturday afternoons and evenings.

People in the area were being kept busy shoveling off the roofs of homes and camps. Some reportedly had up to four feet of snow on them.

A Traveling Art Exhibit from the University of Maine was on display at Hanscom Hall.

Births: Heidi Lynn Porter, Gina Marie Childs, Lea-Anne Thayer, Darren Dean Morse.

Deaths: Ivan L. Stowe, Linwood Averill, Lawrence Vail, Cuvier B. Evans, Mrs. Jeanette Trefethen.

50 years ago: A magic show was presented to all grades in the Bethel schools at the William Bingham Gym by David MacElroy of Wells.

The offices of L. E. Davis Lumber Company and Richard L. Davis were moved from the building on the Middle Intervale road to the remodeled building on Cross Street.

A meeting was held at the West Bethel Primary School to discuss plans for improvement at the school.

Deaths: John P. Butts, Albert E. Allen, Leroy A. Stearns.

60 years ago: Service of rededication was held at the West Parish Congregational Church. Sixty new members were added to the roster. The Rev. Kingsley Hawthorne welcomed the new members.

Bethel Chamber of Commerce conducted a drive to raise money to pay for ski tow fees for children 12 years of age and under.

Nine Bethel Boy Scouts hiked from Bethel and climbed Barker Mountain.

Donald Christie was acting scoutmaster, and Harlan Hutchins, assistant scoutmaster.

Deaths: Mrs. Margaret A. Emmons, Mrs. Florence H. Rand.

70 years ago: Fire started from a gasoline engine in Major Hastings' barn. The prompt action of Clarence Enman, who threw water from a 500-gallon storage tank on the high beams, extinguished the flames.

Death: Lewis A. Lincoln.

80 years ago: The buildings on the Ellen P. Kimball farm, Middle Intervale, owned by H. A. Packard were burned.

100 years ago: The West Bethel Post Card Factory was sponsoring a numerical enigma contest and giving colored post cards as prizes to winners.

Deaths: John W. Bennett of Gilead; Lucy Spofford Libby of Greenwood.

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## Bridge

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**A BIT OF HOME**—Bethel-area natives Regina and Kevin Chayer say the model of the Artists Bridge in Newry constructed by Darrin Carter (right) makes them feel the way they do when they are back home. (Photo: R. Chayer)

In this case the photos were a bit less than gorgeous — not lush fall color but 5x7, black and white prints run out on the prison's laser printer.

But they were enough to inspire Carter.

"I saw the inside, the way the rafters and beams run, and that's what intrigued me," he said. "I love to build — that's what I did when I was on the street."

Recreating that structural detail would be Carter's most challenging project to date.

"I've built other things out of newspaper, like lighthouses and boats," he said, "but nothing with this kind of detail."

And to the Chayer's eyes, he got that detail right.

"We were amazed at how well Mr. Carter reproduced the covered bridge, having never been there, using only Regina's photos as a guide," Kevin said.

### Interior gristmill photos sought

For his next project, Carter hopes to take that skill with detail, internal as well as external, to the next level.

"I've been looking at pictures of an old gristmill in Raleigh," he said.

"I'm trying to find me some pictures of the inside of a gristmill, so I can see how the millstone itself is pulled, by the sprockets, gears and pulleys," he said. "I'm wanting to build me an old-timey one."

"I just enjoy doing this, and if it puts a smile on someone's face or puts a little joy in their heart, that's what's important."

His rendering of the Artists Bridge certainly did that for the Chayers.

"To us the Artists Bridge is a symbol of home," Kevin said. "We believe he truly captured the feeling it gives us of being back in Bethel."

## Briefly

### Rally held to save Rumford court

**RUMFORD**—An organizational rally took place last week to try to save Rumford District Court from possible closure as a result of state budget cutting measures. Area town managers, selectmen, lawmakers, law enforcement officials said closure would overburden them and crime victims. Traveling to other area courts, they said, would result in added mileage costs and overtime. State Rep. Jarrod Crockett (R-Bethel) encouraged those concerned to gather information and attend legislative public hearings on the issue. According to state officials, under the governor's current cost-saving proposals, there will not be any immediate broad-based court shutdowns in the next six months.

### Roxbury to vote on wind power

**ROXBURY**—Voters will decide Jan. 15 whether or not to allow wind power turbines on town hills, resolving the 18-month controversy over a proposed \$120 million energy project. About 25 people attended last week's hearings on wind power and proposed Roxbury law changes to accommodate wind energy facilities. Most opposed such development. Driving the issue for the past year and a half is a \$120 million 55-megawatt wind power project by Record Hill Wind LLC. Comprised of Independence Wind principals Angus King and Robert Gardiner, and landowner Bayroot LLC of Delaware, Record Hill Wind wants to construct a wind power facility and 22 2.5-megawatt turbines along 3½ miles on the ridge of Partridge Peak, Flathead Mountain and the southern slope of Record Hill. The total height of a turbine with blade fully extended is 420 feet, which is much higher than current town laws allow. At the March 2008 Town Meeting, voters created of a new zoning district allowing wind turbines to be erected along the town's ridgelines. But because two public hearings weren't held and notices weren't posted in the newspaper, wind power opponents pushed through a petition that established a 180-day moratorium on wind power development enabling further studies and discussion.

## Super Crossword Answers

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Music.

After graduating Aranka worked as the research director for an international publishing company in Boston for a period, then spent 10 years in Colorado learning how to blow glass and traverse mountains on telemark skis.

But she says Maine was never far from her heart, and she has always thought of it as home.

She returned in 2006, to assist with the Norway Summer Festival, which focused on her father.

Her return prompted a calling to help revitalize WMAG.

"I had a great life in Colorado," she said, "but I was concerned about my father's legacy, and it hit me that Maine was where I could make a real difference."

Contributing to the cultural community of western Maine is of prime importance to Aranka.

"It started as a personal cultural crusade, but I've worked or interacted with so many people now who were impacted by my father, and it's made a profound difference in my life," she said.

"Lots of challenges, but incredibly rewarding. I'm very grateful to be living here."

So are a lot of artists. Despite the economic downturn, WMAG's membership is growing and, under Aranka's leadership (she now serves as volunteer co-president), awareness of the arts in western Maine has grown as well.

Aranka said she couldn't be more thrilled to begin her duties with Mahosuc Arts Council.

"This organization has played such a vital part in the lives of thousands of students, by bringing theater, dance, music and visual arts into the community and the schools for the past 20 years," she said.

"The greater Bethel community 'gets it' about the need for arts education. I couldn't ask for a better position."

Aranka is firm that arts education is not a mere addition to an academic program, but essential to student preparation.

"Arts education is critical to the future of every student preparing to enter the modern workforce," she said.

"Whether or not a student wishes to pursue a creative profession, the skill set of today's world includes creative thinking, innovation, social dexterity and ingenuity, all of which are facilitated through arts education," she said.

"The next generation needs arts education to be competitive in the global marketplace."

Aranka said she views the abundance of creative energy in this region as an incredible resource whose potential is ripe for development.

"We have an opportunity to identify this region as arts oriented. If we make that a goal, we can open the floodgates to arts-related tourism, education and enterprise," Aranka argues.

"When we couple that with the exquisite natural beauty we're already known for, we have an ideal combination for a viable and sustainable creative economy."



PUSHING THEIR LUCK—Last weekend, snowmobilers cut through this snow fence on John Kimball's Albany property to break their own trail along the gas pipeline. Kimball said he has had previous problems with wayward riders, and if it continues he may consider closing his land to snowmobilers. (Photo: A. Aloisio)

Irresponsible snowmobilers once again prompt a landowner to threaten closure of major trail

By ALISON ALOISIO

Misbehaving snowmobilers may prompt the closing of a major north-south trail in Albany.

A 28-mile section of state trail 13, known as the Albany Loop, connects the Waterford/Bridgton and Norway/Oxford regions to the Bethel area.

The trail runs across a section of land owned by John Kimball of Hunts Corner Road in Albany.

Kimball, a snowmobiler himself, has served in the past as a trail groomer and has worked on behalf of snowmobile and jeep clubs to maintain good relations with landowners.

But he said Monday that despite his desire to promote and support the use of private property by recreationists, incidents of abuse by snowmobilers have prompted him to consider closing his land.

This past weekend was particularly frustrating, Kimball said.

Two 200-foot sections of orange snow fence on his land are intended to channel riders toward the marked trails and keep them away from some parts of his land, which include a gas pipeline.

But someone deliberately cut through the fencing in one place and ran over it in another in order to ride in the prohibited area, he said.

"I don't want to close it, but it is worth the aggravation?" he said.

Kimball said some snowmobilers also have the mistaken impression that pipeline and powerline land is public, and therefore open to use.

It is still private land, he said, and riders need to respect that.

And while some local snowmobilers may assume the offenders are out-of-staters, Kimball said he has determined in some cases that they are locals.

In the past he's followed the wayward tracks right to the

yards of local residents, he said.

And, said Kimball, once a new track is made, other snowmobilers who come along often assume it's OK to ride it.

Effectively, he said, "they follow the leader."

**A long detour**

Kimball's frustration has members of the Greenstock Snowsports Club, which maintains the trail and fencing, worried.

"It's mindboggling. Locals are causing their own problems," said Edie Okenquist, the club's secretary.

In addition to cutting off Route 13 itself, a closing could also threaten the use of parts of Route 12 near Vernon Street and Songo Pond.

If the trail through Kimball's is lost, she said, it would mean a 22-mile detour for people coming up from the Bridgton-Waterford area, and would impede New Hampshire snowmobilers,

she said.

In addition to the inconvenience, Okenquist said, snowmobilers would lose "one of the most gorgeous sections of trail. You can see Mt. Washington in all its glory. In another section, you can see Shawnee Peak and the southern Presidential Range."

She also said there have been snowmobiler/landowner problems near the Bethel/Woodstock town line.

Her club spends a lot of time putting up signs to guide riders, Okenquist said, and the trail groomers take a lot of pride in the pristine condition of the trails. She hopes everyone will stick to the carefully-groomed routes.

Okenquist suggests snowmobilers be on the lookout for offenders and, if comfortable, remind them to stick to the marked trails. Another option is to simply get the machine's tag number and report it, either to a game warden or local club.

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performs, it is imperative that a full analysis be conducted to understand the impacts, mitigate public concerns, and determine if the area proposed is appropriate, and if it is the only space such training can be done," Baldacci wrote.

This isn't the first time the National Guard sought to expand low-level flight training in Maine. In 1992, the National Guard made a

similar request to lower the deck to 300 feet for its training flights. The proposal was rejected.

In December, Brig. Gen. Leon Rice from the Massachusetts Air National Guard told residents the low-level flights are needed so fighter pilots can train to defend the nation's borders against attacks by small airplanes and cruise missiles.



The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

The holidays are officially over. I don't base that so much by the date on the calendar but more on the fact that my Christmas tree is now a sad fixture in the snowbank by my driveway.

A part of me is always sad to see the season of good cheer come to an end and part of me is grateful to have life return to normal. That's not to say normal life (if there is such a thing) isn't without good cheer, but it's not so much the Ho, Ho, Ho variety.

Now we get back to the more mundane ways of life. We settle back into our routines at home and work and hunker down for a long, cold winter.

It's right about this time in January when I realize all the things I put off until "after the holidays". That became my excuse for everything I didn't want to do. For example, my floors really needed washing before Christmas, a chore that doesn't rank real high on my favorite to-do list. I could rationalize that there would be a lot of family in and out tracking in snow and sand so I might just as well wait until "after the holidays."

And balancing my checkbook is another "after the holidays" chore I put off. At a time when I should have been right on top of it I would just check my balance online and pray it would be a positive and not a negative.

Of course the pile of ironing kept getting bigger and bigger. I didn't consider it an issue because I was on vacation over Christmas and didn't care if my clothes were wrinkled or not. I know I should take the clothes right out of the dryer and put them away and then I wouldn't have wrinkled clothes, but I let them sit around getting wrinkled and figured, what the heck, I'll iron them "after the holidays."

Now we get back to the more mundane ways of life.

There are a bunch of other things I let slide until "after the holidays" and now that it really is "after the holidays" it is time to pay the piper so to speak.

My floors are a mess; the hardwood has so much dirt on it that it's beginning to look like indoor/outdoor carpeting from the '60s. I don't even remember what color my kitchen floor is. There is no choice; I have to tackle that unpleasant chore.

It makes me sick to even look at my checkbook. I like that old saying, "I still have money in the checking account because I still have checks." I still have my debit card too, but I

used that so much over Christmas that it darn near melted. I can't let this go on any longer. I have to face just how anemic my checking account is and figure out how much macaroni and cheese we'll have to eat until the next payday.

The ironing apparently isn't going to go away and I just need to deal with it too. I can't continue to dress like a bag lady.

So, first thing this morning I balanced my checkbook or at least I came pretty close. Then I looked at my pending bills and realized that they will have to pend just a little longer. But I'll get them under control with the next pay check.

Tonight I'll get the ironing taken care of and vow to fold the clothes as they come out of the dryer from now on.

As for the floors, well, there is another storm coming and they'll just get tracked all over, which won't do much for my good cheer. The way I see it I should wait until spring when the snow is gone. At least that's a lot sooner than "after the holidays."

I wish you all a very happy 2009. May your good cheer be with you throughout the year and may your "after the holiday" chores be few.

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- 100 Tractoria
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- 103 "— Shuffle" ("77 song)
- 104 Seaweed product
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- 114 "Gotcha!"
- 116 "— Night" ("58 hit)
- 117 Apt rhyme for squirm
- 119 "L— c'est moi"
- 121 Matches
- 125 Inception
- 129 Cartoonist
- 131 Writer
- 132 Charles
- 133 Fictional rodent?
- 135 Rink rental
- 136 List ender
- 137 "Peer Gynt" composer
- 138 Psychic
- 139 Veronica of "Hill Street Blues"
- 140 Surrender
- 141 Big revolver?
- 142 Sticky stuff
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- 4 Speak freely
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- 9 Living room
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- 11 "The —" ("50 film)
- 12 Carry
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- 15 Rodent refreshment?
- 16 Pisces follower
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- 23 "We've Only Just —" ("70 hit)
- 28 Hockey legend
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- 33 Sugar ams.
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- 41 Sib's kid
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- 50 Take the honey and run
- 52 Mayberry town drunk
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- 56 Sadistic
- 57 In the saddle
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- 62 Bk. conveyance
- 63 Neighbor of Thailand
- 68 Used the microwave
- 69 Digression
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- 73 Boat bottom
- 76 Atlanta campus
- 77 Indentation
- 78 Mintz or Whitney
- 79 Johnny of "Chocolat"
- 80 Soap additive
- 81 City of rodents?
- 85 Architect
- 86 Window dressing?
- 87 McCarthy's trunkmate
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- 92 Brace
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- 96 Snarl
- 97 Banned pesticide
- 98 London district
- 102 Shake up town drunk
- 104 Actor's actor?
- 106 Spassky's game
- 107 Pillow, e.g.
- 109 Bit of a beach
- 110 Medical grp.
- 111 TV's "Eight Is —"
- 112 About to sink
- 113 Screwdriver ingredient
- 118 Spouse
- 120 Composer
- 122 Prod
- 123 Binchy's "— Road"
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# From the Bethel Police Log:

Sunday, Jan. 12

At 6:15 p.m. Lt. S.R. White responded to a village residence for a welfare check. There was no problem with the subject.

Sunday, Jan. 11

At 12:21 a.m. Officer Jeff Campbell responded to the Newry/Bethel town line to watch for a vehicle that had been reported involved in a shots fired complaint. The officer observed a vehicle parked with its lights off. He illuminated it with a spotlight and saw several occupants. The drive began to get out, but was ordered to stay inside. Lt. S.R. White then arrived. The driver was placed in handcuffs, and was asked where the weapon was. He described the location. The driver was then put in the cruiser. Other passengers were then ordered out of the vehicle. Sheriff's deputies then arrived, and three passengers were placed in handcuffs.

At 7:30 a.m. Officer Crystal Aylward received a report of a car that had run someone off the road and was passing dangerously on Route 26. The officer then observed the vehicle driving at a high rate of speed for the weather conditions. The vehicle was stopped. The driver was argumentative. He was told he was driving fast for the road conditions and was given a warning.

Saturday, Jan. 10

At 12:19 a.m. on the West Bethel Road Officer Jeff Campbell arrested Dwayne A. Cook, 51, on warrants for failure to appear for obstructing a public way, operating without a license, and unauthorized use. He was transported to the Oxford County Jail by a sheriff's deputy.

At 12:19 a.m. on the West Bethel Road Officer Jeff Campbell arrested Rebecca I. Lyons, 45, of Bethel for OUI.

At 10:15 a.m. Officer Jack Taylor took a report from a business of a computer crime involving e-mail.

Friday, Jan. 9

At 4:30 p.m. Lt. S.R. White responded to a two-vehicle, property-damage accident on Route 26.

At 8:50 a.m. Officer Jack Taylor responded to a report of a vehicle off the road on the Intervale Road. The accident was non-reportable, and a tow truck was called.

At 5:37 p.m. Lt. S.R. White responded to Route 2 for a report of a vehicle driving on a rim only on one wheel. The officer stopped the vehicle and determined the driver did not realize the condition of the wheel. A tow truck was called and the driver was given a ride home.

At 6 p.m. Lt. S.R. White assisted Bethel Rescue with a call on the East Bethel Road.

(Time not available) Lt. S.R. White responded to a residence for a report of a burglary. The front door had been broken into with a shovel and some items were taken.

Wednesday, Jan. 7

At 6:33 p.m. Officer George Gould responded to Route 2 to assist Bethel Rescue with a patient.

## Oxford County Jail:

(Bethel region)

Jan. 10, 3:20 a.m.: Marlene A. Bean, 47, of Bethel, OUI, violation of bail conditions; by Kim Mills on West Bethel Rd.

Jan. 10, 1:54 a.m.: Dwayne A. Cook, 51, of Bethel, failure to appear; by Deputy Mike Halacy on Route 2.

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## Bethel



by Virginia Keniston

A luncheon Birthday Party was celebrated on Sunday afternoon, Jan.

4, for Mary Lou Berry's 81st birthday. Family and friends spent a pleasant afternoon enjoying the great food and wonderful friends and relatives. Attending were: Jason and Sarah Berry and children; David Berry, Nicole and Elise Berry; Robin Gilbert; Erin, D.J. and Connor Defrey; Marjorie and James Osgood; Nancy Noppa, Merrill Bittner; Polly Davis; Rachael MacKay; Retta Powers; Hi Berry and the honored guest.

Seventeen Congregational Church youth and adults attended a skating party on Sunday at Hebron Academy's rink.

Keith Bartlett is in need of prayers while undergoing treatment.

Arlene Greenleaf is recuperating well and would enjoy hearing from friends. Her address is: Sunset Road, Bethel ME 04127.

Christie Knight is in rehab at Rumford Hospital.

Ladies of the Congregational Church met for their annual luncheon at The Victoria recently.

Nancy Lincoln and friend have reported two robins feeding outside their window. They wonder what to feed them.

## West Bethel



by Lorrie Hoeh

We arrived home late Sunday to a beautiful cover of fresh, fluffy

snow, measuring about six inches, plus or minus. Almost the same amount fell Saturday night down in Boston, where we spent the night with our daughter, Kate Griffin, and her family.

Which reminds me of adventures, misadventures, surprises, and disappointments that have occurred this past week.

Last Wednesday, as I noted in last week's column, we had a storm on Spinning Day. It turned out to have been way overestimated, but dire predictions were enough to keep all but six intrepid spinners at home. We six had a lovely time together and agreed that it was well worth the drive on sometimes slippery roads. Frankly, I was pleasantly surprised to see that many!

Our trip to Boston was by way of the Downeaster on Saturday afternoon. The trip down was pleasant, comfortable, and relaxed. Upon leaving North Station we walked a few yards to the MTA building, where we caught the Orange Line train to Forest Hills Station, there to be met by our son-in-law, Ken. After an early supper of chili we headed downtown to Agganis Arena at Boston University to watch the

the UMaine Black Bears play hockey against the BU Terriers.

Alas, that was one of the disappointments. The Terriers defeated the Bears, 4-1, so we were disgruntled fans that night. However, the arena was gorgeous, a state-of-the-art facility with no bad seats, many convenient refreshment stands, and a plethora of handy restrooms. Seeing this place was worth the trip, not to mention the chance for a pleasant visit with the Grif-

ins. Sunday morning provided adventures and misadventures. We arrived back at North Station in plenty of time to catch our 11:10 train, only to find that it had been cancelled. Rumor had it that an engine had broken down. We finally ascertained that we would all be transported on buses back to Maine or New Hampshire. The bus arrived, finally, at about 12:15, was boarded, and got underway.

Now this was an adventure! The driver allowed he wasn't sure where he was going, but thankfully had a GPS to guide him, along with a couple of knowledgeable passengers. The bad news was that the windshield washers weren't working very well, and we had to stop periodically to throw snow on the windshield to clean it off. (The driving was very messy after the night's

snowfall.) The good news is that we arrived safely at Portland, albeit more than an hour later than planned. Our car had not much snow on it, so we were on our way very quickly.

Jake was staying with his buddy, Grizzly, at our daughter Martha's house, so we headed there and were kindly invited to stay for a delicious lasagna dinner. We heard all about the children's x-c skiing adventures and are looking forward to a couple of races this week. Today there will be a skate race at Telstar at 3 p.m., and tomorrow, Friday, there will be a Junior Sassi/Classic race at Black Mountain in Rumford at 2 p.m. Both races are contingent on weather, with possibility of postponement or cancellation if temperatures are too extreme.

I heard that attendance at West Bethel Union Church was somewhat sparse on Sunday, owing to the snowstorm in progress. Jane Hosterman said that the lack of bodies to absorb echoes made hearing difficult. That's something many of us can relate to.

On Monday morning Jake and I saw a pickup stuck in

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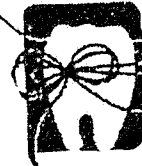
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Prior to beginning his work in the Lakes Region, Dr. Elhag practiced with Franklin Health Surgery and Franklin Memorial Hospital in Farmington.

Dr. Elhag has completed surgical training in Sudan, Great Britain and the United States. He served a fellowship in surgical endoscopy at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, and a surgical residency at James H. Quillen College of Medicine in Johnson City, Tenn.

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a snowbank on Grover Hill Road at the sharp turn just this side of the pipeline. It looked as though an unsuccessful attempt had been made at pulling the truck out. Methinks some serious shoveling will have been needed to free the vehicle.

Senior Citizens executive board met last week to plan upcoming sessions. They try to keep meetings at downtown locations during the winter months and then go further afield when the weather softens. Jane H. assures me that there is an interesting and varied slate of programs in the offing.

We are still not seeing any unusual birds at the feeders, but I am sure that one of these days something spectacular will show up. If you see it before I do, please get in touch!

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## Gilead



by Lin Chapman  
There was another surprise snowstorm last Sunday. It was nice to see the sun come out about

noontime.

Hugh and I attended the Annual Meeting for the Oxford County Mineral and Gem Association last Sunday at Cross-tones Restaurant at the Mollycokett Motel in West Paris. There were 32 members and guests present to enjoy the traditional turkey dinner with all the "fixins." The food and the company were great!

Frank Perham was the guest speaker. If you have never heard Frank speak, you are missing an interesting talk on mining in the area. He talked about the area mines that he owns and works at with his crew. Over the years they have come across some interesting finds. He has even had a mineral named after him. It is very rare and is called Perhamite. He enjoys mining and enjoys talking about it almost as much!

My brother, Steve McLain, has been seeing quite a few turkeys at his house recently. They are picking up the birdseed that falls from the feeder. I have not seen any unusual birds lately. The pair of cardinals were here this past weekend.

## Comprehensive Planning Committee

The CPC will meet at the Town Office Jan. 20 at 7 p.m.

## Town Office

Remember to vote on Jan. 27 regarding the school consolidation. The polls will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Town Office.

The Town Clerk would like to remind dog owners that they need to get their dog licensed before Jan. 31 or they will be subject to a late fee of \$15. If the dog has a current rabies shot that is on file with the clerk, a check can be mailed to 14 Depot Street, Gilead, ME 04217. The clerk will also be in the office on Tuesday evenings from 5-7 p.m.

The Selectmen are holding meetings to work on the budget for next year. The next regularly scheduled selectmen's meeting will be Feb. 11 at the Town Office at 6 p.m.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

## East Bethel



by Nancy Mercer  
Nina Mollicone along with Marilyn Mollicone of Augusta, Mandy Emerson and her son, Jimmy, of Old Town, and Carolyn and Conrad Grant of Winterport

had Christmas dinner with Martin and Priscilla Jackson and children, Courtney and Marcy, in Bradley.

Alder River Grange had a regular meeting on Jan. 9. The supper schedule was drawn up and the menu made for the coming supper season. We start on May 16 with baked beans, dogs, and salads; June 20 will be chicken a la king with rice and salads. There will be no suppers in July and August, but we will be up town on Mollycokett Day on July 18. September we will have baked ham with all the good stuff on Sept. 19; on Oct. 17 will be the harvest supper and the turkey supper will be on Nov. 14.

Sonny and Bettyann Hastings' family gathered on Dec. 20 for the family Christmas dinner. Jay Hastings and Blinda Kennedy visited on Christmas Day for dinner.

If you have news, give me a ring at 824-3350. God Bless the Troops.

## Hanover



by Clem Worcester  
It is Thursday, Jan. 15, 2009, and this is the day for the towns that will make up Western Foothills

Regional School Unit to vote to choose the new board of directors. There is only one name on the ballot in Hanover (Dan Force) and an option for write-ins. Voting in Hanover will start at noon with a special Town Meeting and the ballot-ing will conclude at 6 p.m.

Some Hanover residents attended the Region 9 School of Applied Technology dedication and open house on Jan. 8. The Region 9 School is in Mexico and serves area towns including Hanover for secondary students interested in technical training. Several Hanover residents are instructors at the facility including Pete and Jen Barlow and Ruth Brown.

The Hanover Planning Board was scheduled to meet on Jan. 7. There was not a quorum so the meeting was rescheduled for Feb. 4 at 6 p.m. at the Town Office. Perhaps the snow and ice storm that day kept folks home where it was dry and warm.

Coming up next week are the Select Board meeting on Jan. 20 at 6 p.m. and the Comprehensive Plan Committee on Jan. 21 at 6 p.m. Last month the Comprehensive Plan Committee meeting was canceled due to a storm so there may be lost ground to make up.

Turkeys are making the rounds along Howard Pond

Road. Some people have reported seeing as many as nine but usually two or three make an appearance at a time.

Dan and Tammy Arthur moved out of the Oscar Dyke house on the Howard Pond Road and relocated to Rufford Point. Another group has moved in.

Sunday's storm turned out to be a surprise when we got about five inches rather than the one-inch or less that was forecast. As the storms continue it is noted that snowbanks are getting high. A driver cannot exit the Howard Pond Road with visibility of the eastbound lane on Route 2 without entering the westbound lane of the highway. That is dangerous considering the truck traffic on Route 2. Entering Route 2 from Mill Hill Road is better but caution needs to be exercised. Whatever became of those little brightly colored balls people put on their radio antennas so they could be seen over snowbanks?

Get well wishes to Joan Tucker who hasn't been feeling well lately.

The Knights of Pythias meeting for last Sunday in Boothbay was canceled due to the weather. The next meeting will be in Gouldsboro in February.

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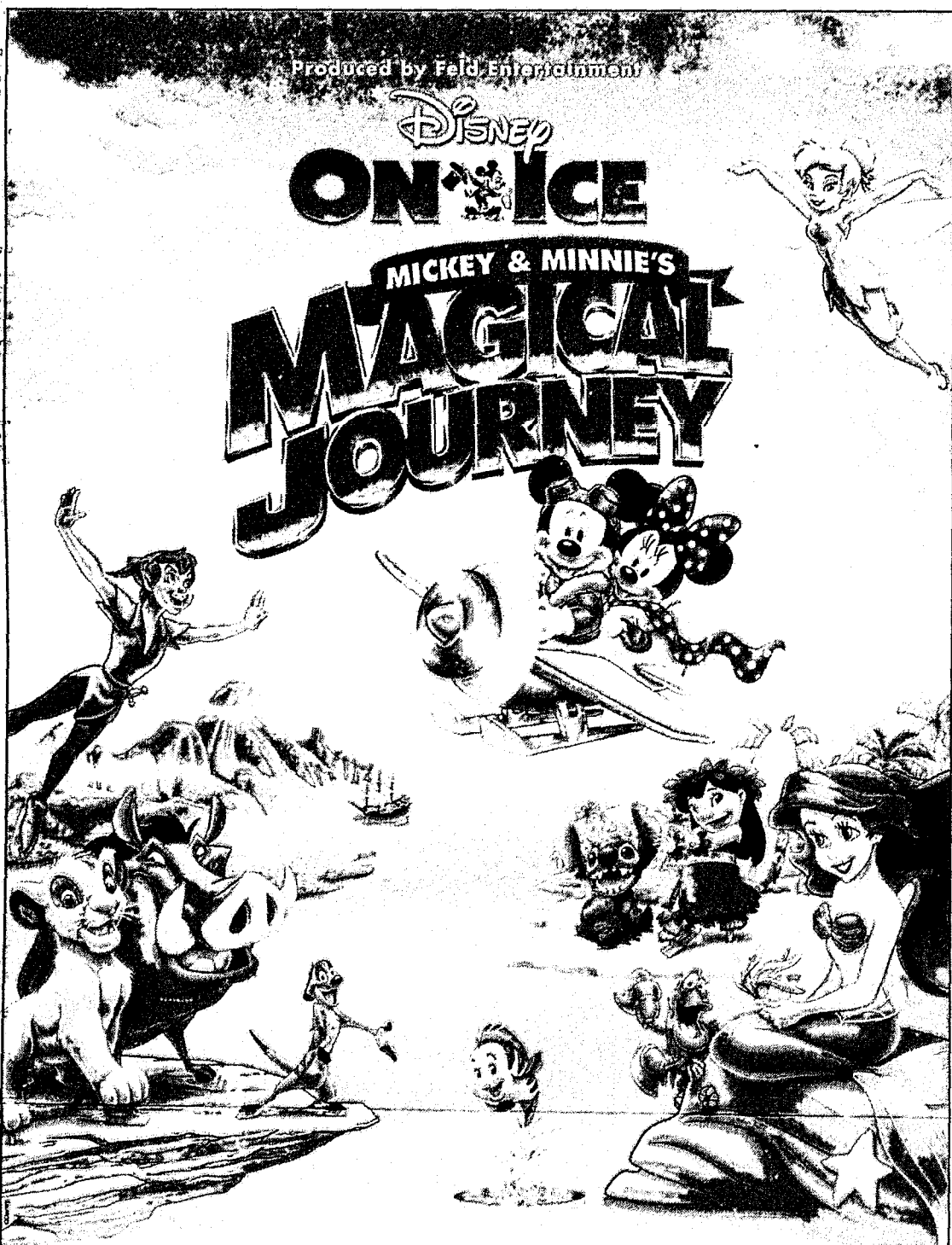
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## Andover



by Melinda Averill

Hello Andover friends, I would like to send a thank you to Chad Bishop for donating money made at the New Year's Dance to the Andover Food Pantry. I know that he worked hard to make the dance a success. It's always nice to have the younger generation working for the betterment of the town!

Kudos to eighth-grader Drew Hutchins, who won the geography bee at Telstar Middle School last week. Sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders participated.

I would like to send sympathy to the family of Margaret White of East Andover, who passed away on Friday. Survivors include her sons, David White and wife Betsey of Andover, Daniel White; daughters, Norma Farrington and husband Freeman, Donna Hall and husband Steve of Georgia, Waniata Offhaus and husband Greg of North Carolina, Marilyn Morton and husband Wayne; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Funeral services were scheduled for yesterday at the Calvary Bible Church in Andover, with Pastor Kenneth Waggstaff officiating. In lieu of flowers, please contribute in her memory to the Calvary Bible Church, 1063 South Main Street, Andover, ME 04216.

I would also like to send condolences to former Andover resident Polly and Dick Johnston, now of Washington. Polly's cousin, Louise Powell of Dixfield, passed away on Friday, Jan. 9. Louise was born in Andover, the daughter of Ralph and Alma Hewey. She graduated from Andover High School, Class of 1941.

Speedy recovery wishes to Kenny Learned, who had recent surgery and is home recuperating.

Former East Andover resident Martha Bell, who now resides in South Thomaston with her husband, Tom Luttrell, bought the Owls Head General Store about a year ago and already is getting national recognition. On Dec. 16 they received a call from the food Network Magazine. A group of Maine's top food connoisseurs had named the store's hamburger the best burger in the state. It was a complete surprise to the Luttrell family. Owls Head soon-to-be-famous seven-napkin

burger will be featured in the June 2009 issue of the Food Network Magazine. When asked what's the secret to the perfect burger, Martha said a combination of fresh ingredients, lots of condiments, fresh beef, and they're made to order.

Happy birthday wishes this week to Isabella Simmons on Saturday, and Ethan Meisner Nelson on the 20th.

Attention Andover residents: There are several town positions open this year. If you are interested in holding any of the following, go to the town office to fill out papers: selectman, School Board director, road commissioner, treasurer, clerk and fire chief. There is also an opening for code enforcement officer.

Enjoy the long weekend; Monday is Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

## Upton



by Laurie Brown

Don't forget to vote on the school referendum on Jan. 27. Polls will be open

from 4 to 8 p.m. There's a budget meeting on Jan. 21.

I was tickled with the feedback from last week's article. Thanks so much. Flyswatters' holes reduce the wind resistance, which increases the velocity of the snap.

The Ladies Aid will meet the 15th at Leslie Aron's home at 1 p.m. to plan for February's supper.

I'll know when Dappy and Peggy get home because they'll straighten their mailbox, which invariably gets swiped by the plow.

Roger Bernier of St. Johnsbury, Vt., and his daughter, Alicia of Kileen, Texas, were visiting relatives this past weekend.

My friends, Seth and Laney, brought me a beautiful bird-feeder they'd made from a piece of birch firewood.

Here's an imponderable for the week: when glass breaks, why don't all the pieces fit back together perfectly?

Ben had to buy several paperbacks for one of his courses this semester. After he'd purchased them used from the college bookstore for \$3-\$6 each, and had gotten home, he realized they'd been sold to the bookstore for less than \$1 each from the Goodwill Store. It frustrates me to no extreme that colleges partake in this shady conduct at the expense of the students and their families. They're non-returnable. At least he got his textbooks



**SNOWWOMAN**—Saturday brought a steady stream of people to view the snow sculptures on the Bethel common. Many posed for photos at this snowman sculpture outside the main exhibit.

online and saved beaucoup dollars.

In 1963 \$45,000 was approved by Gov. John Reed and his executive council to purchase 3,000 acres in Grafton Notch for a new state park. They were in hopes that the next legislature would give Laurence Stuart, the Park director, money to begin development. Seems like it must have happened eh?

When I was growing up, everyone I knew referred to the mountain in Grafton as "Ole Spec." When and who added a "k" to the end of "Spec"? I don't have the answer for you;

I'm hoping you'll tell me!

In 1922, according to the Town Report for that year, the town raised \$200 for improvement of the "Common." Peter Lombard was paid \$7; Bert Lombard \$10.50; C.H. Brown was paid \$14; G.L. Thurston & Co., was paid \$174. Unexpended was \$166.76.

Apparently it's not going to snow for a few days, but it'll be extremely cold. Double digits below "0."

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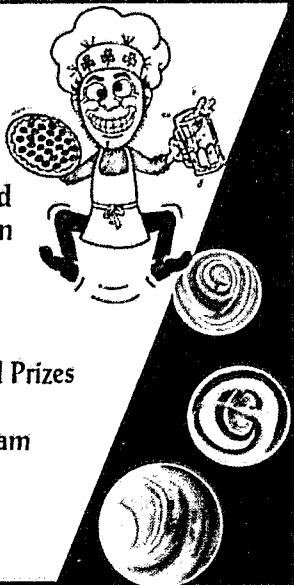
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spring brought better prices than chickens who had lived through a winter. Sometimes farmers tried to sell older birds as spring-born, but smart buyers complained that the "tough fowl" was "no spring chicken" and from there, it became a phrase describing folks like me!

Have a great week. Selah.

## East Andover



by  
Joan  
Stinson-Carney

Sorry readers this isn't my usual "gossip" column, but I

have to for once, write about what I feel.

When I was growing up in East Andover in the late '40s and all of the '50s, my "immediate" family consisted of my maternal grandparents, Bill and Jessie Simmons; my mother and father, Ralph and Marge Stinson; my aunts

and uncles, Jean and Lester White, Bud and Grace Simmons, and David and Lorena Simmons; seven brothers and sisters; and 13 first cousins. We all lived close to one another, and maybe I didn't appreciate it enough at the time I was growing up, but I now realize just how lucky I was. To be surrounded by so much love was a gift that I shall cherish all my life.

One of the most important people in my life back then was my aunt Jean, and her death last week leaves a huge hole not only in my life but in everybody who knew and loved her. Her life wasn't an easy one, but she made it seem that way. She was a loving mother, a great cook — her baked beans were the best I've ever had — an excellent seamstress, and a good housekeeper. Looking back it seems that she could make something out of nothing and have it be a great success.

I can remember only seeing her angry once and that was

the time when I went hunting for my cousins, David and Danny, with an axe because they had "taken" my red wagon on one too many times, and boy was I mad at them. Once she had made me see the error of my ways, the incident was forgotten, and I hope forgiven.

She probably saved my brother Alan's life. He was very sick and my mother had no idea why, so my father went next door to get Aunt Jean; she realized that he had pneumonia because David and Danny had had it and she recognized the symptoms. They took him to the hospital and he came through just fine.

I think that I got my love of reading from her. One of my fondest memories is seeing her so engrossed in a book, sitting with her legs crossed and one leg moving back and forth without her being aware that she was doing it. The reading and swinging must be a family trait because my mother does it, and if I sat up to read, I would probably do it too.

She lived a very full and rewarding life. She loved to garden and her home was filled with beautiful flowers and plants. With the exception of her two sons, she was blessed

with great children, Norma, Donna, Wanita and Marilyn; just kidding David and Danny, she was very proud of you guys too. Wonderful grandchildren and great-grandchildren and lived to see and hold her great great grandson, Isaac Farrington.

She was the first Deaconess of the Calvary Bible Church and hardly missed a Sunday service. She was a member of the East Andover Community Club for many years.

I love you Aunt Jean, and I will miss you.

One of the weird things that I just realized about my family is how many of us are known by our middle names. Aunt Jean's first name was Margaret. How many of you knew that? My first name is Marjorie, my sister Jean's first name is Sandra, my brother Perry's first name is Ralph, and I even continued it on. My eldest son Brian's first name is John. It has made for some difficulty in my life. Some of my I.D.s say M. Joan, some Marjorie, a name I hate by the way, and some say Joan, oh well that's my life; some days I don't even know who I am.

Former Andover resident Andrew Farrington was not, I repeat was not, the Andrew

Farrington who was recently arrested. His sister, Amy, is getting really sick of people asking her for details that she doesn't know. So please stop asking, okay.

You should probably check with the Town Office this week to see if they are open on Martin Luther King Day, Monday, Jan. 19.

What's going on with the Andover Water District? Does anybody know? Should we be boiling our drinking water?

See 'ya.

(Correction: An item in last week's column should have said that Elaine and Hank Morton's granddaughter, Marissa Gauvin, has been nominated to compete in the National Principal's Leadership Award Scholarship Program.)

## Newry



by  
Sylvia  
Harrington

I have enjoyed the many lovely photographs that

Amy Chapman has taken of the Rumford area this fall and into the winter.

My friend, Susan Kilduff from Salisbury, Mass., drove up on Saturday and headed home Sunday afternoon. Shortly after she arrived and we had lunch, we headed out to Sunday River.

We went up to the Pajama Café and had a cup of hot chocolate, visited a while, watched the skiers and then stopped into the Jack Frost Shop. We headed home, filled the wood box, filled the birdfeeders, went in for a cup of tea and our holiday opening of gifts. It was a great 23 hours together.

With all the cold winds it is good to have the warming hut open. The WVSC trails are open and from the machines I hear at night, lots of people are out on the trails. Please call Leon or Ed with any questions regarding the Windy Valleys Snowmobile Club. Leon Dunn can be reached at 824-3335 and Ed Powers at 1-207-739-9618 for information.

The BRTPost is pretty busy these days. There are machines parked at the Bear River Grange Hall and across from the BRTPost. Stop in to get snacks, warm hats and gloves, papers and many other needs.

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## Mason



by Richard  
Grover

Mona and I left on a trip to Florida on Jan 2 with Jane and Craig Ryer-son. Traveling with them is always an adventure, and this was no exception. Along the way, Jane and Mona watched hours of "Grey's Anatomy" on the DVD player in the back seat of the van.

On Saturday afternoon, we arrived at Jacobus, Pa., where Craig's Army buddy, George, was hosting a New Year's party. Here there was lots of food and drink, and George brought out his stash of "the good stuff." George and Craig were soon thor-

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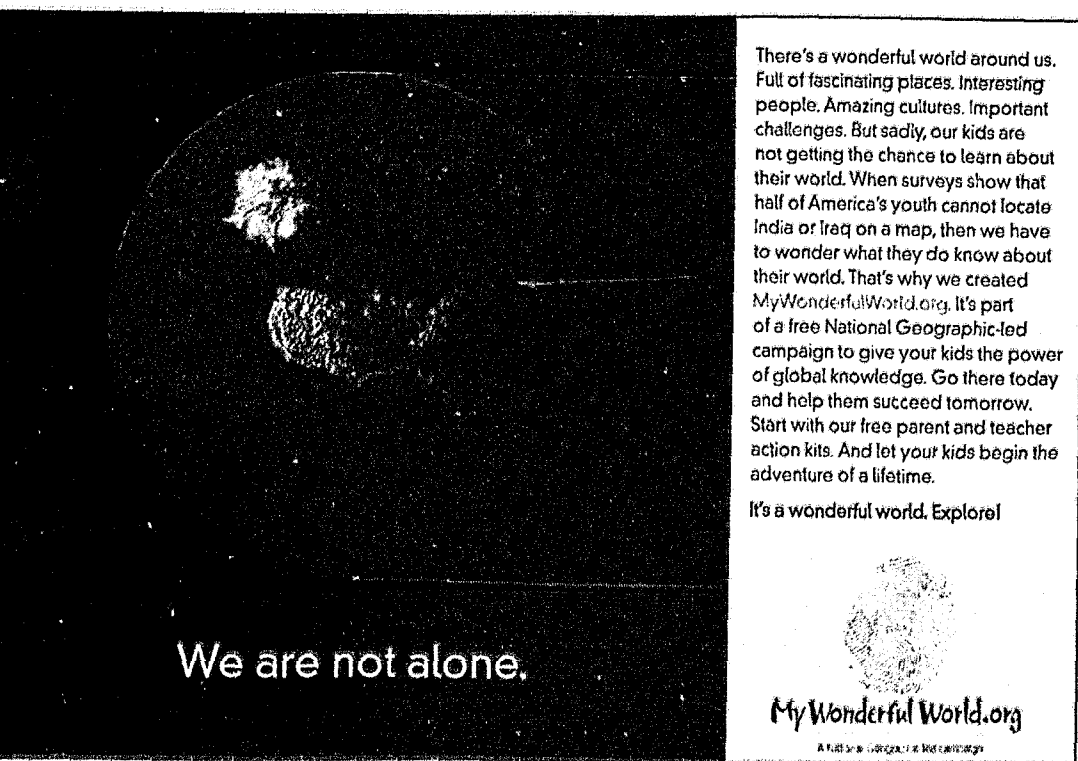
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oughly enjoying themselves together, if you know what I mean. By 6:30 p.m. Jane took Mona and I back to our motel, where we were soon snoozing. Jane returned for Craig, and they were soon back in our room. There was lots of snoring before 9 p.m. Later in the night Mona saw what she described as a big spider headed toward the bathroom. Jane was the designated driver the next day.

We were at their trailer in Zephyrhills by late Monday afternoon, where the outside temp was a balmy 79 degrees. Over the next few days we visited several yard sales and outlet stores in the area. We even bought two nearly new youth bikes for \$25 each.

On Friday afternoon we visited Mona's sister, Mary Stuart and her husband Stan Rowe in St. Cloud. On the way back to Zephyrhills, we passed the city airport at dusk and saw the runway lights go out. Someone commented that some aircraft have a switch aboard that will remotely turn the runway lights on or off when they need them. At this, Craig said, "Some of the new airplanes just have to do this (clapped his hands two times) and the lights go out!"

On Saturday afternoon we completed our final preparations for departing on a Caribbean Cruise the next morning.

### Bryant Pond



by Alice Hoyt

Services at the Bryant Pond Baptist Church are Sunday

school at 9:15 a.m., morning worship at 10:30 a.m., evening service at 6. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is prayer meeting; Friday evening at 6:30 is youth group. Sunday, Jan. 18 at 6 p.m., Chris and Lois Tignor, missionaries to Ecuador, will be at this service. Jan. 20 is the annual business meeting.

On Christmas night, Elwood and Dot Wing celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Congratulations to them.

We had a female cardinal at our feeder the other morning. We have plenty of blue jays, a few sparrows and a few chickadees.

There are a lot of fish houses on the lake now.

Historical Society  
Larry Billings has several

sketches of Arlene MacKillop's on display in his Cultural Center, and eventually they will go to the Historical Society. Larry loves art of all kinds. Larry recently read a short history of Portland. He also got some tins with scenes of London on them, and a perfectly matched set of deer antlers.

The Historical Society museum has a fine collection of antique furniture, including one Victorian settee and a fine Empire settee. The museum features local memorabilia in a big way. Woodstock can be proud of exhibits that represent its people, places and ways. Join the society and learn about history in general.

If you have news you would like in the paper, please call me at 665-2460 or write to Box 105, Bryant Pond 04219.

### West Paris



by Joyce Lamb

Cold and windy and snowy! A perfect winter! The last two storms were light and fluffy so I shoveled the path and driveway with the shovel by myself. A little light exercise is good for me.

On Sunday, Jan. 18, the Rev. Fayre Stephenson will conduct the service at the West Paris Universalist Church.

She is the program director at the Ferry Beach Conference Center in Saco and will speak on "Celebrating Ferry Beach." The service is at 9 a.m. followed by a coffee hour. Jim Burke is organist. Come join us to hear this interesting speaker. All are welcome.

Frank Glazer, pianist, played on the Steinway piano at the Franco-American Heritage Center in Lewiston on Saturday evening. Joan Beal and Joyce Lamb attended this great performance. Dr. Donald Christie introduced this great pianist who has played all over the world. It was a truly enjoyable evening. Mr. Glazer will turn 94 next month.

With so many storms and very cold temperatures the Cotton Tops have not kept to their schedule.

Muffin just looks outside and moves away from the door when opened. She has no intentions of going out. She is smarter than us humans.

### Waterford



by Rockie Graham

January has dawned cold and windy. I don't mind the cold, but I could do with-

out the wind, especially on days that I have to work. Flying cardboard is fun for no one.

Yet it is January and that is how it goes. Despite the cold, our chickens continue to lay. They even can be heard clucking in the early a.m. when it is 10 below. BRR!

If all goes well, at the end of the month I will travel to Boston to see a specialist. After that we may know why I can't speak. It has gotten old, needless to say. I realized the other day that I can't even sing. That is harsh.

This Thursday, the 15th, there is a potluck supper at Wilkins House. It is at 6 p.m. All are welcome. The suppers are held the third Thursday of the month all winter. The hosts for this one are Judy and Paul Thompson and Nancy and Fred Engdahl. Bring a dish and bring a friend and enjoy.

Saturday, the 17th, at Waterford Library there is a program for anyone interested in gardening. Bring your favorite catalog.

Monday, the 19th, the Oxford County Democrats will honor volunteers and celebrate the inauguration of Barack Obama at the Tuscany Hall (former Racket Ball club) on Route 26 in Paris. Buffet snacks and hour d'oeuvres will be served. Open to all volunteers. RSVP by calling 875-2116 or e-mailing Cathy@megalink.net.

That is all for this cold morning. Stay warm and stay safe.

From

### Western Mountains Senior College

WMSC has three multi-session courses and some programs lined up for the winter months. Newsletters with full details were mailed to members but non-members interested can join WMSC and take

advantage of these offerings. Call Jackie Cressy at 824-0508.

A new course, "History and Enjoyment of Music," starts Wednesday, Jan. 21 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at Telstar High School, Room 133, and will continue for four Wednesdays. Dan Johnson, an accomplished musician, will offer a pleasurable survey of the music of the western world, from the earliest monastic chants to the latest jazz and everything in between. Fee: \$25.

"Explorations in Spirituality: Change Your Thoughts, Change Your Life" is a continuation of the book we began studying last fall. The book consists of very short chapters, each one addressing one of the verses of the Tao Te Ching, an ancient book of philosophy that still has wisdom for us today and freshly interpreted by Dr. Wayne Dyer. Chapters are sampled randomly by volunteer facilitators. New members are welcome to join. The group meets on Fridays, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at The Victoria beginning Jan. 23 and every other Friday for four weeks. Fee: \$10. Newly joining participants should purchase a copy of the book by Dr. Dyer.

"Creative Writing" is another four-session course that started last fall. New members are welcome to join. Suzanne Taylor, a former English teacher, facilitates this course. She brings wonderful enthusiasm to the class, and participants find their writing skills enhanced while they have a great time. Classes meet on Fridays at Telstar High School, Room 133, beginning Jan. 30 and every other Friday for four weeks. Fee: \$25 for new students; \$10 for returning participants.

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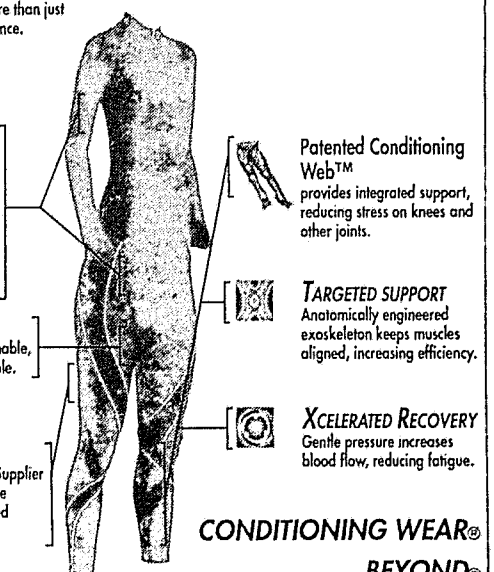
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Something new is being planned for users of Mac computers. WMSC is going to start a "Mac Users Group" (MUG) to help those with Mac computers learn more about the full capabilities of their computers. A start-up meeting will be held on Friday, Jan. 30, time and location to be announced. If you are interested in joining this group and would like to be on the special MUG e-mail list, contact Jackie Cressy at 824-0508.

#### Mark Your Calendars

Down Home Maine will feature Tom White, Bethel, world-renowned bronze sculptor, at the next meeting to be held Thursday, Feb. 5, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at a location to be announced. FMI call Peter Gartner at 665-2181.

The To Your Health committee will present "Strangers Among Us," a powerful dramatization of the stresses that Alzheimer's places on a family, followed by discussion facilitated by Peg Gagnon, Maine Chapter Alzheimer's Association, on Sunday, Feb. 8 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Bethel Congregational Church. Ten Senior College members will perform the play, directed by Lynn Arizzi. FMI call Rosabelle Tift at 824-2053.

WMSCs "Second Annual Community Soup Swap" will be held on Friday, Feb. 27, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Bethel Congregational Church. If you attended last

year, you know how enjoyable this unique event was for everyone. We'll also be holding registration for WMSC spring courses. Watch for more details. Meanwhile, for more information contact: Beth Brough at 875-2216, Marcia Foster-Austin at 824-3400 or Jean Waite at 824-2780.

#### From Waterford Library

The next meeting of the Waterford Library bridge group will be on Jan. 26 at 6:30 p.m., and on the fourth Monday of each month.

No partner is necessary. Beginning and experienced players are welcome.

This is an informal group where participants may learn from each other.

For more information call 583-2729.

#### From SWOAM

Landowner relations and rights will be the topic of the Jan. 22 meeting of the western Maine chapter of the Small Woodland Owners Association of Maine.

Robert Duplessie, director of Recreational Access and Landowners Relations for the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, will speak at the 7 p.m. meeting in Room 118 at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School, located off the cafeteria. He will be joined by Steve Allarie of the Maine Warden Service, who will talk

about his experiences in the field.

SWOAM meetings are free and open to the public.

#### From Bethel Historical Society's Regional History Center

As part of the opportunities offered during Bethel Winter-Fest, the Bethel Historical Society will offer walking tours of the Bethel Historic District each day Jan. 17-19 at 11 a.m. This will be a good time to learn about the social, architectural and economic history of the community by walking around one of the area's most historic places.

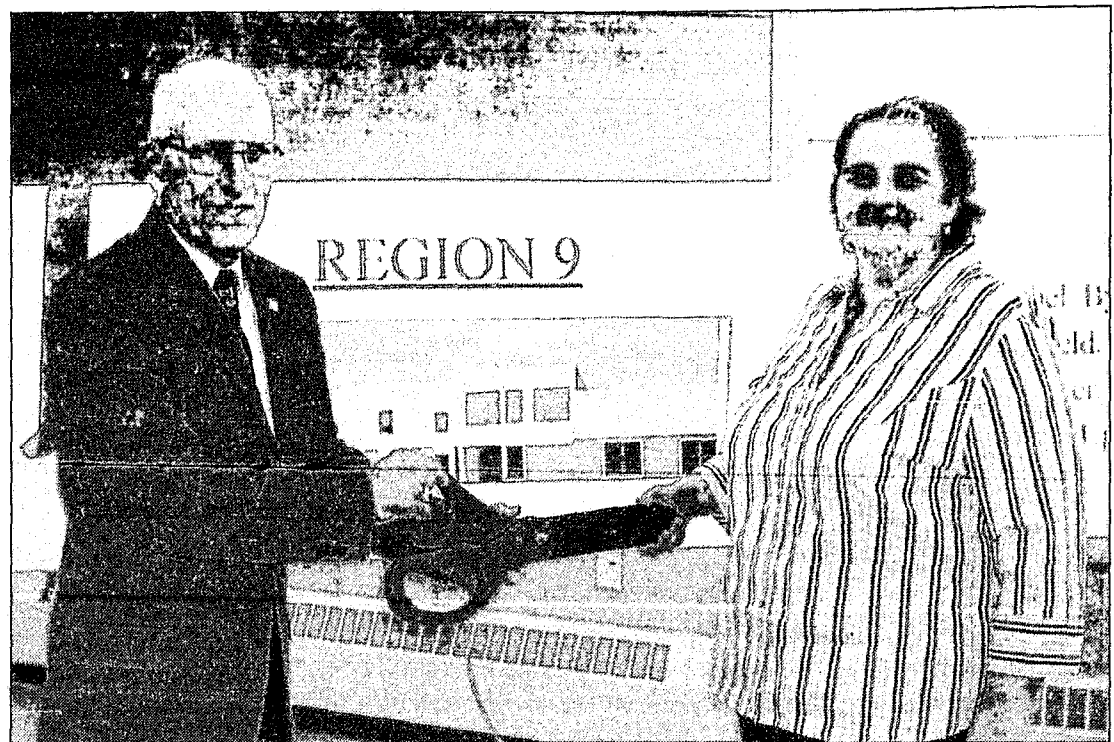
At 2 p.m. each day, Jan. 17-19, a tour of the Dr. Moses Mason House will be scheduled. Everyone interested is cordially invited to come and see one of the "treasures" of Bethel and learn more about life in 19th century rural Maine.

Suggested donation for the walking tour is \$2 per person and for the period house museum tour \$3 per person or \$1.50 for children or \$7 for a family.

#### From Relay for Life/Oxford Hills

Join millions of other American Cancer Society Relay For Life participants across the country in the fight against cancer. Find out how to get involved in the annual Relay For Life of Oxford Hills at the Relay Kick-Off on Wednesday, Jan. 21, at 5:30 p.m. at the Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School located at 256 Main Street in South Paris.

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**REGION 9 PROJECT COMPLETE**—An official ceremony and Open House last Thursday marked the completion of a \$4.9 million expansion project at the Region 9 School of Applied Technology. Board chairman Norm Clanton of Bethel and director Brenda Gammon are shown here at the ribbon-cutting. (Photo: Buzz Gamble)

#### School Lunch Week of Jan 19 Telstar Lunches

**Monday:** No School. Martin Luther King Day.  
**Tuesday:** Two Bosco sticks w/dipping sauce, chicken fajitas, rice, corn, chef salad, steak and cheese/roll, cheeseburger/bun.  
**Wednesday:** Make your own pasta bar. Meatballs, garlic bread, chef salad, cheeseburger/bun, pizza choices.  
**Thursday:** Make your own sandwich bar with buffalo chicken and ham salad, chef salad, turkey tetrazzini, steamed broccoli, italian bread, jello, cheeseburger/bun, pizza choices.  
**Friday:** Make your own pasta bar. Chicken burger, potato starz, seasoned hot veggies, chef salad, hot dog/roll, pizza choices.  
 Four fruit and vegetables choices daily. Veggie burgers available daily.

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**Monday:** No School. Martin Luther King Day.  
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**Wednesday:** Pizza, raw veggies and dip, pb&j.  
**Thursday:** Turkey tetrazzini, steamed broccoli, italian bread, jello, BBQ rib/roll, pb&j.  
**Friday:** Chicken burger, potato starz, seasoned hot vegetables, hot dog/roll, pb&j.  
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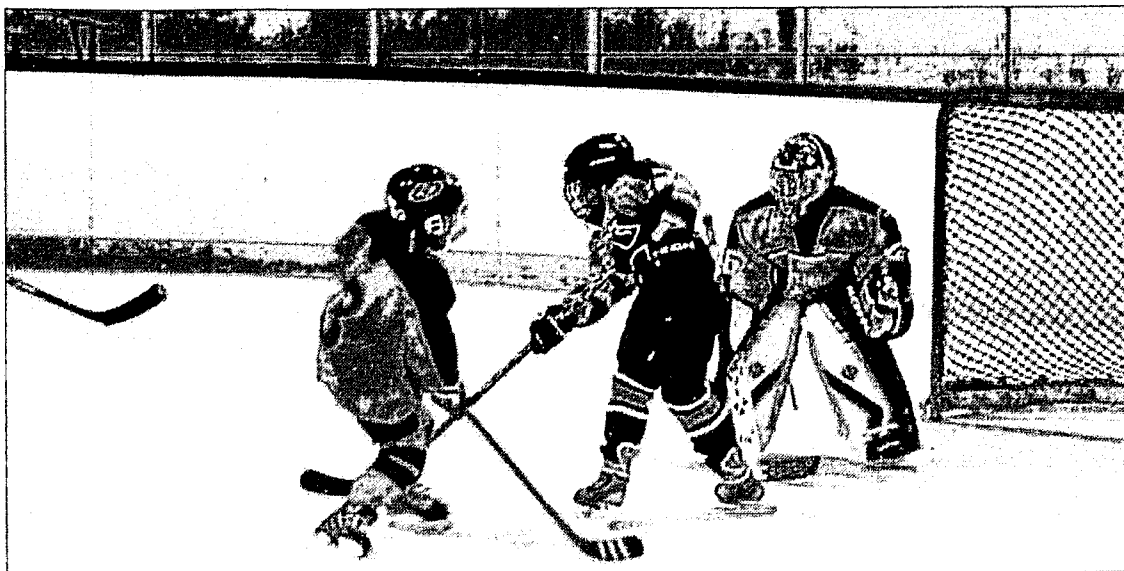
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**YOUTH HOCKEY EXPANDS**—Western Maine Youth Hockey, with home ice at Bridgton Academy, has increased its membership this year. The 10-year-old organization recently merged with the Rink Rats program to double participants to approximately 130. WMYH is a USA Hockey affiliate, and offers youth hockey to players ranging in age from 5 to 12. They even have a learn to play program. They offer programs for Oxford County and a portion of Cumberland. Towns represented include Bethel, Buckfield, South Paris, Oxford, and Bridgton. Here, Dylan Richmond, a Squirrels Blue Player, pushes the puck away from the goal. Visit the WMYH website at [www.westernmaineyouthhockey.com](http://www.westernmaineyouthhockey.com). (Photo: Kelley Houghton)

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Want to learn more about radon, have questions about the labs, testers, or contractors doing radon work? Check out that same website at [www.maineradiationcontrol.org](http://www.maineradiationcontrol.org), click the radon link or call the Radon/IAQ Section at (800) 232-0842.

Remember, radon is something to take seriously, and every home should be tested for radon. Those with high radon levels can be easily fixed.

This column was submitted by Bob Stillwell, Radon Section Leader with the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention Radiation Control Program. In Our Back Yard is a weekly column of the DEP. E-mail your environmental questions to [infoDEP@maine.gov](mailto:infoDEP@maine.gov) or send them to In Our Back Yard, Maine DEP, 17 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04330.

# Sports

## High School Boys' Varsity Basketball

**Rangeley 52, Gould Academy 48; Jan. 10** — Rangeley avenged an earlier loss to Gould by upsetting them 52-48. Max Wales and Scot Baribeau paced the Huskies with 15 points each. Gould's league record dropped to 3-2.

**Gould 56, Sacopee Valley 42; Jan. 9** — Coming off a two week break, Gould won a tough game against a scrappy Sacopee team. Gould opened a 10-point lead in the 1st quarter that it held for most of the game, until a Sacopee comeback cut the lead to 4 points, 46-42. Gould then played a solid game in the closing minutes, ending the game with a 10-0 run. The Huskies were led by Scot Baribeau who finished with 15 points, including 4 key free throws at the end of the game. Max Wales and George Murphy followed in the scoring each with 12 points, Phil Johnston 8, Abram Bartlett 7, and Henry Gaudion 2. Gould improved its league record to 3-1. — from Gould sports reports

## High School Girls' Varsity Basketball

**Jay 63, Telstar 21; Jan. 8** — Telstar's Kayla Merrill led the Rebels with 12 points and 7 rebounds, while Emma Davis added 8 points.

**Telstar 39, Wiscasset 28; Jan. 9** — Telstar picked up their second win of the season at Wiscasset, shutting the opposing team down in the second half and only allowing 10 points. Kayla Merrill led the team with 20 points, 6 rebounds and 6 steals, while Emma Davis added 9 points and 2 steals. Brianna Douglass led the team in rebounds with 9 and she also had 4 steals, and Cheyanne Day grabbed another 8 rebounds. Nicena Walker contributed to the win with 3 steals as well. — Coach Kelly Dole

**Sacopee Valley 28, Gould Academy 21** — On Friday Gould hosted Sacopee Valley for Gould's 6th game of the season. Going into the match-up Gould held a 2-3 record. This was the first match against each other this season. With the majority of Gould's players being guards and most of Sacopee's team playing in the forward position, Gould knew they would need to work extra hard rebounding and guarding the added height. This was also the first game for Gould without senior Captain Katie Smith. Smith has played Gould's starting power forward since game one. In the 1st and 2nd quarter the scores stayed close. At the half Gould trailed Sacopee by two. The second half proved to be low scoring for both teams. Offensively Gould struggled to pull things together. A number of good shots were taken but just not falling. In the end Sacopee managed to pull away with a 28-21 win over the Huskies. Senior Seana Siekman stepped to the height challenge by pulling down a season high 18 rebounds. — from Gould sports reports

**Rangeley 37, Gould Academy 23** — Gould hit the road Friday to play the first of their 5 consecutive away games. As always, the Rangeley girls had a big crowd show up to cheer them on. Gould had been making many adjustments throughout the week to compensate for the loss of Captain starter, Katie Smith to a broken finger. The last game against Rangeley ended with a loss for Gould by one point. This time around, Rangeley welcomed the return from injury their starting point guard Allie Hammond. Hammond unable to play in the last game against Gould was able to put in 8 points for Rangeley. Once again twins Hayley and Angela Hammond played well with a combined 19 points. For Gould Michelle Kravets led the Huskies with 10 points followed by Seana Siekman finishing with 9 points. Both Gould and Rangeley battled for the win but it was Rangeley who came out on top. The game ended with a 37-23 win for Rangeley. — from Gould sports reports

## High School Cross-country Skiing

Telstar Relays:

**Telstar results (5k), Jan. 10.** Boys: Winning time: 57:01. 18. Telstar (Brown, Lewis, Chapman, Annis) 1:16.34. Mixed: Winning time: 1:05.32. 13. Telstar (Gallagher, M. Keane, Matt Keane, K. Keane) 1:22.07. 15. Telstar (Mahar, Bonney, Lewis, Hotopp) 1:25.21.

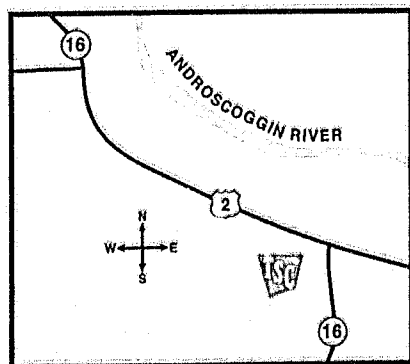
**Gould Results summary:** Boys: Scott Talbot, Jeb Clarke, Peter Cowan, Andrew Nesbit finished second out of 36 teams. Catherine Harnden, Samantha Southam, Molly Siegel, Alice Hotopp finished 6th out of 24 girls' teams. Izzy Cohan, Abbie Goldberg, Tom Duggan, and Marguerite Wiser finished 12th for mixed teams. Helan Cooper and Will Buick skiing with kids from Mt. Abram finishing 18th for mixed teams. — from Gould sports reports



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# Sports

## High School Boys' Varsity Basketball

**Rangeley 52, Gould Academy 48; Jan. 10** — Rangeley avenged an earlier loss to Gould by upsetting them 52-48. Max Wales and Scot Baribeau paced the Huskies with 15 points each. Gould's league record dropped to 3-2.

**Gould 56, Sacopee Valley 42; Jan. 9** — Coming off a two week break, Gould won a tough game against a scrappy Sacopee team. Gould opened a 10-point lead in the 1st quarter that it held for most of the game, until a Sacopee comeback cut the lead to 4 points, 46-42. Gould then played a solid game in the closing minutes, ending the game with a 10-0 run. The Huskies were led by Scot Baribeau who finished with 15 points, including 4 key free throws at the end of the game. Max Wales and George Murphy followed in the scoring each with 12 points, Phil Johnston 8, Abram Bartlett 7, and Henry Gaudion 2. Gould improved its league record to 3-1. — from Gould sports reports

## High School Girls' Varsity Basketball

**Jay 63, Telstar 21; Jan. 8** — Telstar's Kayla Merrill led the Rebels with 12 points and 7 rebounds, while Emma Davis added 8 points.

**Telstar 39, Wiscasset 28; Jan. 9** — Telstar picked up their second win of the season at Wiscasset, shutting the opposing team down in the second half and only allowing 10 points. Kayla Merrill led the team with 20 points, 6 rebounds and 6 steals, while Emma Davis added 9 points and 2 steals. Brianna Douglass led the team in rebounds with 9 and she also had 4 steals, and Cheyanne Day grabbed another 8 rebounds. Nicena Walker contributed to the win with 3 steals as well. — Coach Kelly Dole

**Sacopee Valley 28, Gould Academy 21** — On Friday Gould hosted Sacopee Valley for Gould's 6th game of the season. Going into the match-up Gould held a 2-3 record. This was the first match against each other this season. With the majority of Gould's players being guards and most of Sacopee's team playing in the forward position, Gould knew they would need to work extra hard rebounding and guarding the added height. This was also the first game for Gould without senior Captain Katie Smith. Smith has played Gould's starting power forward since game one. In the 1st and 2nd quarter the scores stayed close. At the half Gould trailed Sacopee by two. The second half proved to be low scoring for both teams. Offensively Gould struggled to pull things together. A number of good shots were taken but just not falling. In the end Sacopee managed to pull away with a 28-21 win over the Huskies. Senior Seana Siekman stepped to the height challenge by pulling down a season high 18 rebounds. — from Gould sports reports

**Rangeley 37, Gould Academy 23** — Gould hit the road Friday to play the first of their 5 consecutive away games. As always, the Rangeley girls had a big crowd show up to cheer them on. Gould had been making many adjustments throughout the week to compensate for the loss of Captain starter, Katie Smith to a broken finger. The last game against Rangeley ended with a loss for Gould by one point. This time around, Rangeley welcomed the return from injury their starting point guard Allie Hammond. Hammond unable to play in the last game against Gould was able to put in 8 points for Rangeley. Once again twins Hayley and Angela Hammond played well with a combined 19 points. For Gould Michelle Kravets led the Huskies with 10 points followed by Seana Siekman finishing with 9 points. Both Gould and Rangeley battled for the win but it was Rangeley who came out on top. The game ended with a 37-23 win for Rangeley. — from Gould sports reports



**READY FOR THE TAG**—Saturday's Telstar Relays 5k cross-country competition drew skiers from three dozen Maine high schools. Here, the Rebels' Brian Annis waits for a tag from his teammate, Will Chapman, as he nears the completion of his share of the four-leg race. (Photo: A. Aloisio)

## Dean's list

Caiti Shimamura, daughter of Jeff and Jolene Littlehale of Bryant Pond, has been named to the dean's list for the 2008 fall semester at the University of New England. A 2007 graduate of Telstar Regional High School, Shimamura is a major in occupational therapy. Dean's list students have attained a grade point average of 3.30 or better out of a possible 4.0 at the end of the semester.

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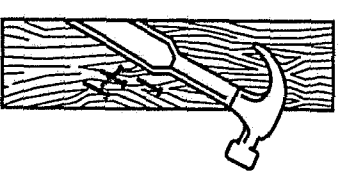
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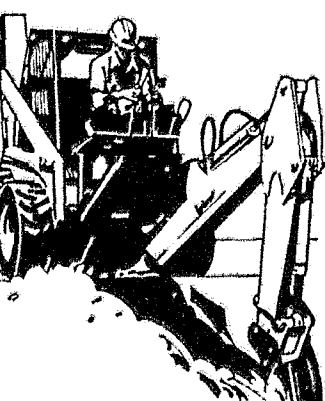
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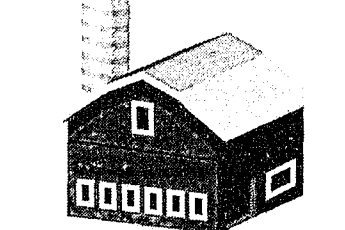
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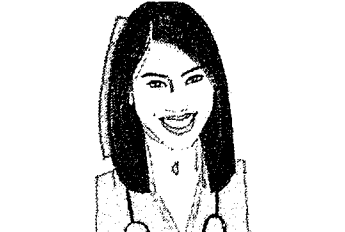
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Relay For Life is the American Cancer Society's largest signature event as well as the most successful national fundraiser. Nationwide, Relay For Life events in 2008 raised over \$400 million in more than 4,500 communities with more than three and a half million participants celebrating 500,000 cancer survivors.

Nineteen Relay For Life events in Maine raised over \$1.5 million last year for cancer research, education, advocacy, and patient services, including transportation for cancer patients to treatments, one-on-one support for women with breast cancer, cosmetologist

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For more information about Relay For Life, to find out how to volunteer, or to RSVP for the Kick-Off, please contact Megan Barrett at (207) 373-3704 or visit [www.relayforlife.org/oxfordhillsme](http://www.relayforlife.org/oxfordhillsme).

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## Western Maine

## Beekeepers Assoc.

The Western Maine Beekeeper's Association will hold their annual Beekeeping School starting Jan. 21 at Mountain Valley High School, Rumford. The classes last 12 weeks and are scheduled so that students will complete the series just in time to set up their hives. The sessions are

taught by area beekeepers, so the information is both practical and relevant to the climate of western Maine.

Class subjects include setting up hives, acquiring honeybees, harvesting honey, disease prevention and hive management for each season. Students who set up hives have the support of club members as they gain hands-on experience with the bees. Throughout the summer club members hold Open Hive meetings to demonstrate the application of the information that was presented in class.

There are different "breeds" of bees, and local hobbyists urge new beekeepers to pick those that are known for their docile behavior. Proper handling of the honeybee colony will minimize the possibility of being stung, and new keepers are taught the proper techniques to use when working with their hives.

Registration will be held Wednesday, Jan. 21, at 6:30 p.m. at Region 9 School in Mexico. The cost of the classes is \$35 and includes books, handouts and one-year membership in the Western Maine Beekeepers Association. Anyone interested in learning more about the Bee School, or

club, can contact Carol Cottrill (364-0917 or [WMBAmail@msn.com](mailto:WMBAmail@msn.com)) or Nick Kelley (364-4124) for information.

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Ten free flowering trees will be given to residents of Maine who become members of the Arbor Day Foundation in January 2009.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit foundation's Trees for America campaign.

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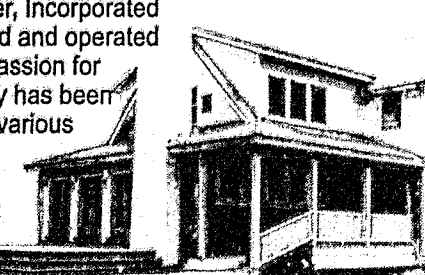
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**PINE HAVEN DUPLEX - UNIT 1A**  
Desirable 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath duplex located in a nice rural subdivision. Attached spacious mud room and 2 car garage. Great floor plan and natural light! \$259,900



**NEW CUSTOM CAPE**  
Views of Sunday River Ski Resort and minutes to the base lodge make this the ideal spot! Lav edge side, custom cape. To be built wrap around deck and large mud room entry with ski storage. LR/DR w/v match pine and vaulted ceiling. \$399,000



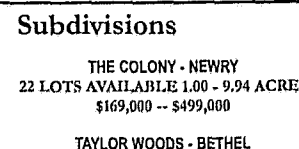
**THE COLONY AT SUNDAY RIVER**  
Building sites at The Colony are set within an historic pine plantation. The flat valley floor that hosts these lots is ideal for building. Unique views of Sunday River's eastern peaks include the famed White Heat trail, while some lots also capture Sunday River's North Peak and views down the valley. Starting at \$169,000



**DISTINCTIVE RUMFORD COLONIAL**  
Distinctive updated Colonial with yester year charm & detailed woodwork. Formal dining room, formal living room w fireplace, hardwood flooring. Spacious kitchen/den, Detached garage w in-law apt. Convenient location near hospital, schools, shopping & skiing. \$249,000



**POWDER RIDGE CONTEMPORARY**  
MAJOR PRICE REDUCTION! UNBELIEVABLE! BARGAIN! Amazing mountain home with two master suites, custom kitchen, large family room, stone fireplace, spacious 2 bay garage and VII WSN/VII WSN VIEWS! \$599,000



**TAYLOR WOODS - BETHEL**  
9 LOTS AVAILABLE 1.70 - 3.11 ACRES \$39,000 - \$79,500



**PERFECT VILLAGE LOCATION**  
Located in the village of Bethel, this home is convenient to all village amenities. Two kitchens offer many options. Attached two story barn, beautiful floors. Town water and sewer. \$225,000



**POWDER RIDGE LOG HOME**  
Historic expanded Cape on a beautiful lot with views and water frontage. 4 bed rooms, 2 baths renovated inside and out in 2006. 12 minutes to Sunday River Ski Resort and 2 minutes to pristine Howard Pond. \$269,000



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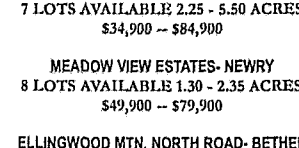
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**QUALITY WOODSTOCK HOME**  
This home has an amazing floor plan and quality construction. Open concept with field stone fireplace and full length, farmers porch. Hardwood floors throughout with tiled bathrooms. Great location with easy access to skiing, golf, and lakes! \$269,900



**COOMBS VILLAGE CHALET**  
Conveniently located just off the Sunday River Rd. in Coombs Village, this 2 bed room chalet offers an open floor plan, deck with hot tub, large private backyard, wide pine floors, gas fireplace and more. Great rental history. \$199,000



**MEADOW VIEW ESTATES - NEWRY**  
8 LOTS AVAILABLE 1.30 - 2.35 ACRES \$49,900 - \$79,900



**AMAZING POWDER RIDGE HOME**  
Wonderful 3 bedroom, 2 bath log sided home with spacious living area and ready to finish basement. Deck, screened in porch, fireplace, cathedral ceiling, seasonal ski resort views, private. Nice level yard area. \$489,000



**AFFORDABLE CHALET**  
Unbelievable priced log sided home located in a nice rural subdivision just a short distance from the village and all four season activities. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, unfinished daylight basement, fireplace, negotiable. SELLER IS MOTIVATED! \$200,000



**BETHEL VILLAGE VICTORIAN**  
This one of a kind historic Victorian features 6 bedrooms including an income producing 2 bedroom apartment or guest wing. Full of original architectural details including tin ceilings, hardwood floors and fireplaces. Walking distance to the village. \$319,000



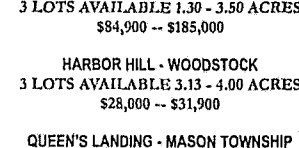
**VACATION SANCTUARY**  
To be built, 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths log sided chalet in a quiet neighborhood in Bethel, just outside the village and minutes to Sunday River Ski Resort. Unfinished daylight walk out basement has expansion possibilities. \$234,500



**BETHEL VILLAGE CAPE**  
Austere Village home with 2+ bedrooms with opportunity for expansion located within walking distance of town and all village amenities. Large fireplace with local rocks (stone). Large deck off the back overlooking the mountains. 2 car attached garage. \$299,000



**NEW CUSTOM BUILT HOME**  
Custom built three bedroom home with beautiful western views. Two car garage with attached office and bath. Open living space with cathedral ceiling and expansive windows. Large deck w hot tub. Near ITS snowmobile trail, Appalachian Trail, Richardson Lake. \$225,000



**QUEEN'S LANDING - MASON TOWNSHIP**  
1 LOT AVAILABLE 5.00 ACRES \$35,000



**ARTS & CRAFTS COTTAGE**  
Beautiful cottage style one bedroom home. Open concept, cathedral ceiling and custom cabinets in this art and crafts style home. Property borders a stream and Route 232. Near Mt. Abram and several area ponds and lakes. Strong building and plenty of parking space. \$139,900



**OUTDOOR ENTHUSIASTS RETREAT**  
A frame chalet located in the center of western Maine's lakes, ponds, fishing, snowmobiling, fishing and skiing. A great location for outdoor enthusiasts looking to get away, situated on approximately 1 acre with western exposure and mountain views. Unfinished daylight basement for expansion potential. \$99,000



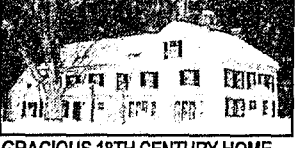
**NEW BEAUTIFUL SKI CHALET**  
The Prospect at Sunday River featuring views of Sunday River Ski Area and the Mahoosuc Valley. TO BE BUILT 2 1/2 story, log sided Chalet with loft master suite, living/dining room with v-match pine and vaulted ceiling. 1st floor family room w/gas fireplace. \$349,000



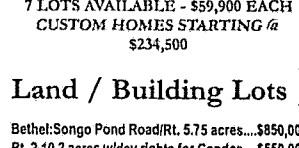
**TAYLOR WOODS - RIVER ACCESS**  
Newly built log sided home located at Taylor Woods - just minutes from downtown Bethel and Sunday River Ski Resort. Stone fireplace, hardwood floors, spacious family room, porch. Deeded access to Androscoggin River. \$349,000



**NEAR NORTH POND**  
Exceptionally well built energy efficient home. 11' CEILING with radiant heat throughout. Cathedral ceiling with open concept and woodstone. Home is being conveyed fully furnished. 1 bedroom apt in the basement. Easy walk to North Pond! \$269,000



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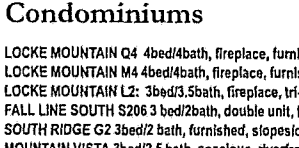
**Land / Building Lots**  
Bethel/Songo Pond Road/Rt. 2, 5.75 acres... \$850,000  
Rt. 2, 10.2 acres with rights for Condo... \$550,000  
Bethel/ Intervale Road, 28.6 acres... \$200,000  
Newry: 15.8 Acres, Sunny Hills... \$185,000  
Newry: Lake & Mtn. Views, 14 acres... \$139,000  
Mountain Valley Sub, 1.47 acres... \$129,000  
Webb River Waterfront Lot, 8.3 acres... \$129,000  
Newry: Bear River Rd. Views, 32 acres... \$129,000  
Newry: Baker's Acres Lot, 1.53 acres... \$OLD  
Newry: Red House Village, 25 acres... \$110,000  
Albany: 42.95 acres... \$100,000  
Norway: Fantastic Views, 5 acres... \$99,000  
Will View Subdivision, 1.8 acres... \$84,900  
Bethel: Paradise, in town lot, 50 acres... \$79,500  
Taylor Woods Riverfront Lot, 1.7 acres... \$79,500  
Hanover: 12 acres, RL2, dev. potential... \$79,500  
Newry: Mtn. View Road, 7.9 acres... \$62,500  
Rear North Pond: 83 acres... \$59,000  
Blair Hill Road Lot, 2.84 acres... \$59,000  
Blair Hill Road Lot, 12 acres... \$50,000  
Woodstock/Rt. 26, Woodville, 8.5 acres... \$45,000  
Albany: 3 acres, close to Bethel... \$40,000  
Woodstock: Rocky Road, .96 acres... \$34,900  
Woodstock: Great Mtn Views, 7.5 acres... \$32,900  
West Paris: Hidden Acres, 2 acre lot... \$24,900



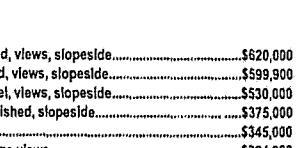
**PARK STREET CONDOMINIUMS**  
Newly renovated in-town condominium walking distance to all village amenities including the Mountain Explorer free shuttle to Sunday River Open Burial, great natural light and quality finishes. Completion near, ready for the ski season. \$115,000+



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**Condominiums**  
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LOCKE MOUNTAIN 04 4bed/2bath, fireplace, furnished, views, slope... \$599,900  
LOCKE MOUNTAIN 12: 3bed/3.5bath, fireplace, tile floor, views, slope... \$530,000  
FALL LINE SOUTH 0206 3 bed/2bath, double unit, furnished, slope... \$375,000  
SOUTH RIDGE 02 3bed/2bath, furnished, slope... \$345,000  
MOUNTAIN VISTA 3bed/2.5 bath, spacious, riverfront, views... \$324,000  
PINE HAVEN DUPLEX UNIT 1A 3 bed/2.5bath, quiet neighborhood, 2 car garage... \$299,900  
TWITCHELL BROOK ESTATES 3bed/2bath, 1 ft. master, gas fireplace, view, hardwood floors... \$210,000  
NORTH PEAK II #309 2bed/1bath, furnished, rental history available, slope... \$210,000  
LAKE CHRISTOPHER 2bed/1bath, waterfront, walk out to the water... \$179,000



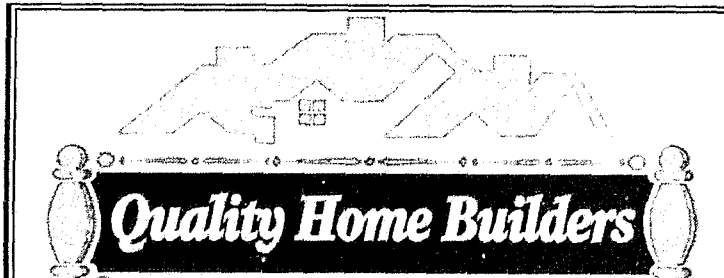
EDEN RIDGE 4C 2bed/2 bath, fireplace, close to village... \$167,500  
MERRILL BROOK 3C 1bed/1bath, panoramic ski views, slope... \$164,900  
SUNRISE 0105 1bed/1bath, furnished, top floor, slope, rental ready... \$134,500  
CHAMBERLAIN 810 2bed/1bath, and unit, fireplace, near the pool... \$125,000  
FALL LINE NORTH 107 1bed/1bath, furnished, slope, rental ready... \$112,000  
31 PARK STREET CONDO 13 1bed/1.2bath units, quality finishes, views... \$115,000+  
FALL LINE NORTH 202 1bed/1bath, furnished, slope... \$115,000  
THE CAMERON HOUSE 1 3bed/1.2bath units, common area, walk to village amenities... \$110,000+  
RIVERBEND #2 1bed/1bath, furnished, great rental history, free shuttle access... \$99,500  
CASCADES B2 1 room/1bath, and unit studio, sleeps 4, furnished, slope... \$89,000

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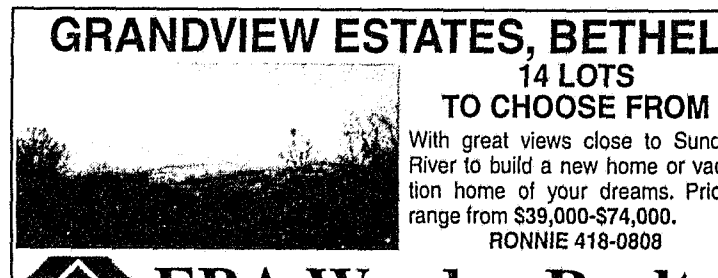


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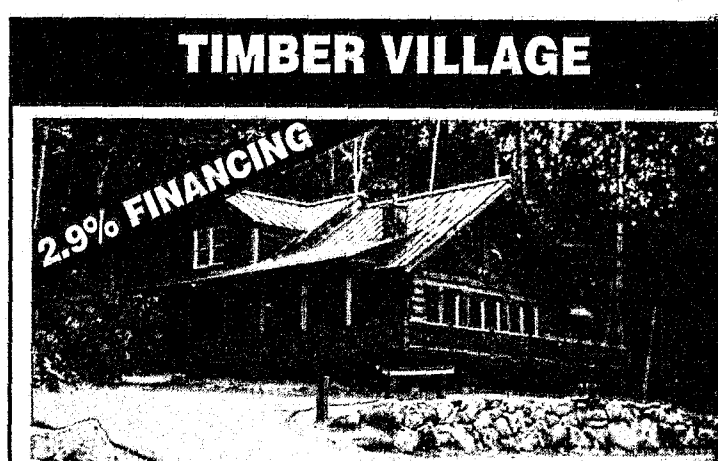
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## HOMES



**274 Douglas Rd, Newry:** Spectacular custom-built log home in the Powder Ridge neighborhood, with panoramic views of Sunday River's slopes. Features include 2 fireplaces, master suite, hot tub, deck, finished daylight basement, and attached 3-car garage. \$888,899



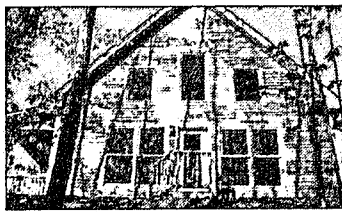
**42 Goose Eye Drive, Newry:** Spacious home with stunning views overlooking the golf course at the Sunday River Golf Club. 3-bay heated garage, separate guest quarters, large master suite, custom cabinetry, lovely sunroom. Lifetime family membership to the golf club. \$795,000



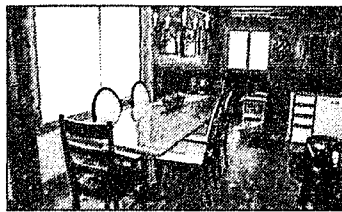
**9 Vista Road, Newry:** Fabulous building package whiffly regarded local builder. 5-BR/3.5-bath, open floor plan, vaulted ceilings. Great views of Sunday River. Close to hiking, golf, and snowmobile trails. The Peaks Subdivision. (Representative Photo) \$599,000



**31 Riverwood Drive, Newry:** Cozy cabin in the woods with over 350+ feet of Bear River frontage and beautiful views! 3-BR/2-bath has fully equipped kitchen with tiled floors, towering stone fireplace, cathedral ceilings, loft area, porch, deck and gazebo. \$419,900



**Homes at Bear River:** Well-built homes on 4 acres with 260+ feet of private frontage on the Bear River, less than 10 minutes from Grafton Notch State Park and Sunday River. \$360,000 and \$389,000. Other building packages available starting at \$249,000



**Sunday River Rd, Bethel:** Unit 53 Riverbend Condominiums - Beautiful 1-bedroom, custom-finished end unit with post & beam ceilings, wood floors, granite counters, washer/dryer in unit, covered porch and more. \$165,000

## LAND

**Hanover Pines, Hanover:** Beautiful, private subdivision of 5-7 acre building lots located only 15 minutes from Sunday River Ski. The wooded lots provide ample privacy, but also the possibility of clearing to enjoy the scenic mountain views. Prices range from \$29,900 - \$39,900.

**9 Vista Rd, Newry:** 11-acre lot at The Peaks with panoramic views. Access to hiking and snow mobile trails near Mt. Will. Building packages available. \$149,900

**The Peaks, Lot 65:** Enjoy spectacular 180-degree panoramic views from this beautiful 5-acre lot in The Peaks development, situated in a cut-de-sac. \$229,000

**Mahoosuc Glen, Lot 32:** Corner lot, very buildable with spectacular views toward hole 7 of the Sunday River Golf Club and the Mahoosuc Range. \$245,000

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Stately Victorian located in historic district on 18th Fairway!	Nicely wooded 2+/- acre parcel en route to Mt. Abram Ski Resort & within minutes of area lakes, ponds & recreational activities. \$34,900!!	Slopeside studio, indoor pool, sauna, hot tub, shuttle service, & more! \$93,900

<b>Price Reduced! Main St., In-Town Bethel!</b>	<b>Fall Line W-210</b>	<b>Price Reduced!! Greenwood</b>
2 in-town Main Street lots! \$49,900 Each!	Outstanding Trails! 1 BR condo w/indoor heated pool, sauna, hot tub & more! \$155,000	Contemporary Chalet with Magnificent Views! \$199,000!!

<b>Price Reduced! Hanover</b>	<b>New Listing! Paradise Way</b>	<b>White Cap A 307</b>
Charming In-Town Cape on 5+/- Pastoral Acres w/great appeal! \$229,900	81.5+/- Rolling, Wooded Premierly Situated Acres @ \$249,900	Trails! 1 Bedroom Ski-In/Ski-Out Condominium! \$149,900

<b>New Listing! Harbor Hill</b>	<b>Millbrook Townhome 604/605</b>	<b>New Listing! E. Andover Rd!</b>
Wooded 3.12+/- acres on quiet country Rd. Prox. to area ski resorts, waterways, trails & other area amenities. \$27,500!!	Fabulous 3 BR Lock Out Townhouse with great In-Town Location	9 Room Farmhouse set upon 5 rural acres! Only \$189,000!!

<b>Coombs Village on Sunday River Road</b>	<b>The Preserve at Puzzle Mountain!</b>	<b>Price Reduced! North Peak II-112</b>
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• Four Bedrooms

• 2 Car Garage, Paved Driveway

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• Stunning Views Of Sunday River

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• Daylight Basement

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• Large, Country Kitchen

• Lots Of Storage

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• Sunlit Living Space W/ Fireplace

• Breathtaking Mountain Views

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Brookside 1 Unit B401 - \$185,500

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## Obituaries

### MARGARET J. S. WHITE

Margaret Jean Simmons White, 88, of East Andover, died Friday, Jan. 9, 2009 at the Rumford Hospital, Rumford, Maine.

She was born in Portland, Maine on June 17, 1920, a daughter of William and Jessie (Enman) Simmons, Sr. She had attended schools in Michigan and Maine.

Margaret was a member of the Calvary Bible Church, Andover.

She was married March 28, 1936 to the late Lester O. White who died in Rumford on Sept. 2, 2005.

Survivors include sons David White and wife Betsey of Andover and Daniel White of East Andover; daughters Norma Farrington and husband Freeman of East Andover, Donna Hall and husband Steve of Conyers, Ga., Wanita Offhaus and husband Greg of Fayetteville, N.C., Marilyn Morton and husband Wayne of East Andover; 16 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded by two brothers, Bud and David Simmons.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Jan. 14, at the Calvary Bible Church, in Andover, with Pastor Kenneth Wagstaff officiating. Interment will be in the spring at Woodlawn Cemetery, Andover. In lieu of

flowers, please contribute to the Calvary Bible Church, 1063 South Main Street, Andover, ME 04216 in her memory. E-mail condolences and memories may be shared at meaderfh@ghi.net.

### LOUISE H. POWELL

Louise H. Powell, 84, died Friday, Jan. 9, 2009 at her residence in Dixfield, Maine.

She was born in Andover, Maine on Jan. 26, 1924, the daughter of Ralph and Alma (Grover) Hewey. She graduated from Andover High School Class of 1941.

Louise was a member of the Rumford Greater Grace Church. She enjoyed reading, crocheting, puzzles, shopping and playing cards. She was a lady who always had a smile and a kind word for everyone and she will be dearly missed.

Survivors include cousins, Mary Walton of Dixfield, Joanne Berry and husband Wilbur of Bloomfield, Colo.,

### CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank all of my dear friends for the many acts of kindness shown to me while a patient at S.M.H. and Market Square Health Center. For the many cards, visits, phone calls and prayers. Most of all I thank my Jim for the many hours he spent holding my hand.

Sincerely,  
Jo Monahan

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Polly Johnston and husband Richard of Spanaway, Wash.; her niece, Gail Simmons of Portland, Maine; her nephew, David Powell and his wife Carolyn of Milton Township, Maine.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, 2009 at the Meader & Son Funeral Home, 3 Franklin Street, Rumford, Maine, with the Rev. Lawrence Shaw officiating. Calling hours after 9 a.m. Saturday prior to the funeral. Interment will be in the spring at Woodlawn Cemetery, Andover, Maine. In lieu of flowers, please contribute to the Rumford Greater Grace Church, c/o Route 232, Box 821, Bryant Pond, ME 04219 in her memory. E-mail condolences and memories may be shared at meaderfh@ghi.net.

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Maternal grandparents are Roger and Theresa Mack of West Paris and Ron and Carol Hartgrove of Norridge-wock.

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Wade and Kimberly Luxton of Mooresville, N.C. are pleased to announce the arrival of their son, Cameron Jacob, born on Dec. 5, 2008, weighing 8 pounds, 9 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Trudy and Kerry Harlow of Bryant Pond and Randy Baker of West Paris.

Paternal grandparents are David and Debby Luxton of West Bethel.

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All news articles should be typed or printed legibly, and include the name and daytime telephone number of a contact person.

Submissions can be dropped off at The Citizen office (behind the Bethel Town Office) or mailed to P.O. Box 109, Bethel, ME, 04217. During non-business hours, items can be placed in the mailbox outside our office. For further information, call 824-2444.

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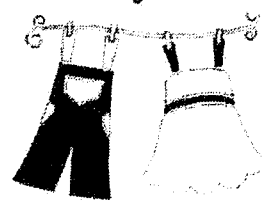
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### A Thank You Note

Many thanks for the wonderful 90th birthday party on January 3rd. The gift table was decorated beautifully as was the birthday cake that Sally Smith made.

My young nieces helped served the cake which made it special. Anita Hakala and her helpers, with help from good friends furnished delicious refreshments. The Quartet (four girls on a match) sang for us, the Felt Band played for dancing and my nephew Phil House played beautiful music on the piano.

Over two hundred nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and neighbors came with beautiful cards, gifts and best wishes. What more would a great, great aunt wish for. It was so good and I love you all.

Aunt Vera



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